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# Pioneers Medical Center breaks ground on expansion project

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**RBC** Pioneers Medical Center board members and staff broke ground last Friday on an expansion project for the hospital that's expected to take 10 months and cost more than \$9 million. The expansion will include the addition of two operating rooms, three extra post-recovery rooms, six additional inpatient hospital rooms and orthopedic and specialist clinic space. Driven largely by the success of the hospital's orthopedic program, the expansion is expected to provide an additional 15 jobs, totaling \$2 million in payroll. "Along with the added services, we feel there will be a positive impact to our local economy. In the past 12 months we've had patients travel to Meeker from towns across the Western Slope, Denver, Utah, Nebraska, Utah, New York and Vermont. These patients have families that stay in our hotels and eat in our restaurants during their stay," said PMC Board President and Pioneers Healthcare Foundation board member Kim Brown. No additional taxes are expected to be levied by the hospital district to cover the cost of the expansion. Currently, the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health District receives \$4.2 million per year in funds from a 7.280 mill levy.

In an August 2019 presentation, CEO Ken Harman said, "Ten years ago, the board saw that there were a lot of problems coming up with rural small hospitals. There were 87 rural hospitals that have closed around the nation last year. This year,

we've seen a dramatic number of hospital closures... one hospital a week. Colorado hasn't had any yet, but many are struggling. Every year, state and federal governments are constantly looking at how they can lower their payments to us. We started having some discussions on how we can ensure that PMC is here to take care of patients and do it in a great way and still be here in five, 10, 20 years and beyond. We decided that we needed to have a diverse portfolio of primary care physicians and staff who are really able to take care of people. The board made some decisions to enable us to recruit some additional primary care physicians. We wanted to be able to create a good work-life balance. Physicians in the past were on call 24/7 and they were getting burned out. We developed a plan where we could provide enough primary care providers so that they could have enough time off so they could not feel completely overwhelmed."

Harman went on to say, "The board committed to developing a sustainable, viable entity by developing growth opportunities by not only providing medical care to the community, but by also providing services that would attract patients from outside of our community as well. The board also committed to "living within our means." By doing so, there has been no increase to mill levy support since 2006. Currently, mill levy support accounts for 15-20% of PMC overall revenue. When the mill levy was first introduced, it provided around 40% of PMC revenue." This means that PMC is now generating 80-85% of its own revenue stream by providing additional services.



Members of the Pioneers Medical Center board picked up shovels for the official groundbreaking of the orthopedic and specialty clinic expansion last Friday. The expansion is expected to be completed in 10 months.

## MILK CREEK ANNIVERSARY ...



There will be a ceremony at the Milk Creek Battle Site Saturday at 11:30 a.m. for the 140th anniversary of the battle. See full story on PAGE 5B.

## 16th annual Fall Festival Saturday

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**MEEKER** This Saturday will mark the 16th anniversary of the Fall Festival, wherein community nonprofits have an opportunity to raise funds for their organizations and have those funds matched with Mountain Valley Bank's "bank bucks."

Every person who comes to the Fall Festival gets \$5 in bank bucks just for showing up. People who bring non-perishable items for the Meeker Food Bank earn extra bucks. Those tokens can then be spent at various vendor booths on food or games suitable for kids or adults. New this year: Chicago dogs and cookie dough stands.

For the fitness minded, participate in the Pioneers Medical Center Scrub Shirt Classic 5K

fun run/walk that starts at 9 a.m.

The bakers in town are encouraged to participate in the pie and cookie contest. Bring two pies and/or 18 cookies to



Town Park between 9-10 a.m. Containers will not be returned. Proceeds will go to the Rio Blanco County 4-H Youth Fund.

Fall Festival fun gets started at 11 a.m. and continues until 2

p.m. at Town Park.

After the food and fun and prizes, vendors exchange bank bucks for real money from Mountain Valley Bank to go toward their organization or fund-raising event.

In 2019, about 700 people attended and 21 nonprofit/fundraising groups participated. \$13,800 was raised for local nonprofits, \$4,000 of which was Mountain Valley bank bucks.

"I am so proud that we can provide the community with a fun day as we see summer disappear in front of our eyes," said bank president Tawny Halandras. "Meeker is a wonderful community and it is awesome to provide a venue that gives back and supports it at the same time."

## Planning commission sends resolution back to commissioners for clarification

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**RBC** A resolution to amend the county's building code deemed null and void because county commissioners did not adhere to state statutes requiring a public hearing and review by the planning commission, was presented to the planning commission on Thursday,

Sept. 19.

Questions raised by attending members of the public and members of the commission generated enough concern that the commission moved for a continuance instead of a recommendation to approve the resolution as written. Concerns presented, as well as public comments in favor of the resolution, will return to the com-

missioners for review and possible revision, and a continuance meeting will be held at the next Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

Members of the public in attendance were local contractors Chris Lockwood and Jack Ball; property owners Scott Mobley, Mona Avey and Mark Scritchfield; and former

building official Jeff Kummer.

During public comment, Kummer spoke first.

"This resolution is not well-written. It's very confusing, difficult if not impossible to understand. There's a lot of gray areas and possible scenarios that have not been considered or words written to clarify them. This leaves the interpretation up to the person who

will administer these regulations if passed. They will be required to make decisions based on the desires of political leaders and their campaign promises made to a small percentage of the population of this county. There's no way the adoption of this resolution can go into effect without significantly sacrificing the health, safety and welfare of citizens."

Kummer, who worked for the county for 13 years in the building department, went on to state, "This resolution will brand Rio Blanco County as being substandard, as it has in several other counties in Colorado, Alaska, Idaho and Arizona...The loss of just one life tied to these new amendments is

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ **Meeker Recreation Center Pool Closure** Sept. 26–28 for pool maintenance.

■ **Gentleman's Group "Geezer Gather"** every Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Veteran's Community Center. 290 4th Street. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. 970-878-3758.

■ **Friday Craft Class** for middle school through adults. Every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Meeker Public Library. September's craft will be jewelry making. Space is limited to 10 participants. Call 878-5911 or drop by to sign up.

■ **Drop-in adult volleyball** Tuesdays at the MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in volleyball will run September 10–November 19 on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Drop-in adult pickleball** Thursdays at the Admin Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in pickleball will run September 12–November 21 (no session October 31) on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Drop-in adult basketball** Wednesdays at the MES Gym. Adult (18+) drop-in basketball will run through November 20 on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. A minimum of four participants must arrive by 7:45 p.m. or the program will be cancelled for the night. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Friday Free Time** 10 a.m. Fridays at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults (18+) are invited to enjoy some social time with other adults during this free gathering time at MRC. If you have children, take advantage of Tot-Spot or the pool (all Tot-Spot and pool rules apply). Starts September 5; no program on November 29. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Garden Workshop** Oct. 7 from 5:30–6:30 p.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center MP Room. Learn how to prep your garden for winter. Early bird deadline Sept. 3 for \$3 or \$5 up until Oct. 7. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Group Fitness—Session 3 Early Bird** Oct. 18 at the Meeker Recreation Center. Register for early bird prices for Session 3 group fitness classes! More information at ERBMrec.com. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Pumpkins Eats 'n Treats** Oct. 31 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the downtown plaza. Trick-or-treating, costume parade and costume contest! ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **The 2019 Annual Craft & Gift Show** will be Friday, Nov. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the RBC Fairgrounds. Please email meekerladiessocialclub@gmail.com or call Michelle Weston at 970-878-5563 to request a registration form. Booth space is \$40.

■ **Itty Bitty Spooktacular Pool Party** Nov. 1 at the MRC Pool, 9 a.m. to noon. Halloween-themed pool party for youth ages 7 and under. Normal MRC fees and rules apply. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings held Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7–8 p.m. at New Creation Church, Rangely.

■ **Art On A Kart Master the Masters.** Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month for an evening of art and friendship. Canvas, paint, drawing and painting techniques are included. \$30 per person. Call or text Liz Waters 970-274-3794 to confirm or ask questions.

■ **Storytime** at the Rangely Regional Library Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

■ **Meeker Lions Club** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 290 Fourth St. New members are always welcome. It's a great way to give back to the community and spend time with a fun group of people.

■ **A Night Under Our Stars** discussion group for those interested in UFOs, spirits and other strange things. Please bring your stories. White River Museum, every 2nd Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

■ **The Rangely Moms Group** meets the first Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church (207 S. Sunset Ave.) to help connect moms in our community. Any

moms who have newborn through elementary aged children are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and fun. Childcare is provided. The first meeting is free. Subsequent meetings are \$5. Scholarships are available if needed.

■ **Rangely Community Resource Pantry Hours:** Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

■ **Children's Story Hour** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Meeker Public Library.

■ **Gentleman's Group** meeting every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Adults 55+, stop by for refreshments and conversation. ERBM Recreation & Park District 970-878-3403.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meetings every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Meeker Assembly, Fourth and Market Street. Meeker Council of Churches.

■ **Game Day** for adults 55+ on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Meeker Recreation Center lounge. Stop by for refreshment, conversation and a game of cards.

■ **Real-Tea Roundtable.** Join real estate expert Suzan Pelloni for helpful hints on buying and selling property. The first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Wendell's.

■ **Free Community Dinner** every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. James—Richards' Hall, Fourth and Park.

■ **Quilting Group.** Tuesdays from 2-9 p.m. at WREA's Kilowatt Korner. All are welcome. Come during hours that fit your schedule. Bring your sewing machine and project. Making personal and comfort quilts for the Walbridge Wing and hospice care.

■ **Foot Clinic.** Pioneers Hospital Home Health Foot Clinic will be at MVCC on the second Wednesday of each month, to trim toenails of anyone who has trouble with the task. Please call PMC Home Health 970-878-9265 to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

Email calendar events by 5 p.m. Mondays to [calendar@ht1885.com](mailto:calendar@ht1885.com)

## Meeker Chapter BA celebrates 150 years of P.E.O. Sisterhood

Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** On Jan. 21, 2019, P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) will celebrate the 150th birthday of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Chapter A in Springfield will join the other 230,000 current members of P.E.O. from nearly 6,000 chapters across the United States and Canada in celebrating the historic milestone.

Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 105,000 women pursue educational goals by providing more than \$321 million in grants, scholarships, awards, and loans and the stewardship of Cotney College. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together nearly a half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education, while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

What started with a bond of friendship among seven women Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America.

"The P.E.O. members in Meeker stand on the shoulders of the generations of P.E.O. sisters who came before us," says the president of Chapter BA. "They were dedicated to the mission of women supporting women, just as we are today. And it is a cause that will continue to be relevant for the next 150 years." Chapter BA has been a part of the Meeker community since it was organized in 1919. Among its yearly events include an annual quilt show with proceeds going directly to support women's education and the annual Senior Girls Party which has been a tradition for more than 90 years.

To learn more about P.E.O., its powerful educational philanthropies and see stories of women who have benefited from the programs, visit [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)

You can also join us at: [facebook.com/peointernational](https://www.facebook.com/peointernational), [@PEOInternational](https://www.instagram.com/PEOInternational) on Instagram, [@PEOSisterhood](https://twitter.com/PEOSisterhood) on Twitter.com

## VA Western Colorado Health Care System Flu Shot Clinic

Special to the Herald Times

**WHAT:** Free Flu Shots  
**WHERE:** 2121 North Ave., Grand Junction—in the lobby  
**WHEN:** Through Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m.

**EXTRA:** Drive Through Clinic—where you can literally drive up and not get out of your car and get a flu shot  
**WHEN:** Oct. 19 and Nov. 16  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VA and Walgreens are national partners, providing no-cost quadrivalent flu shots to enrolled Veterans of the VA health care system. During the program, which runs from Aug. 15, 2019, through March 31, 2020, enrolled veteran patients nationwide have the option of getting their flu shot at any of Walgreens' 9,600 locations in addition to their local VA health care facilities. No appointment is required; simply go to any Walgreens, tell the pharmacist you receive care at a VA facility, and show your Veterans Health Identification Card and another form of photo ID.



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For more details or registration go to: [pioneershospital.org](http://pioneershospital.org)

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### PIE AND COOKIE CONTEST

Bring 2 pies and/or 18 cookies between 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. One for Judging. All will be sold or auctioned. Cash Prizes! Containers will not be returned. For more details pick up a flyer at MVB. All Auction & Sale Proceeds go to the Rio Blanco County 4-H Youth Fund.

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# Mountain Valley Bank



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Highway 13 construction update

**RBC** | For the week starting Saturday, Sept. 21, expect single-lane, alternating travel, 24/7 at one work zone south of County Road 5, controlled by a signal at night and flaggers during the day. You can expect single-lane, alternating travel through two, possibly three work zones during the day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday on Highway 13 south of Rio Blanco County Road 5. The 12-foot width restriction is in place from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on CO 13, south of CR 5 only. Delays could be up to 30 minutes during the day, but quite brief with the signal at night. The speed limit remains reduced to 35 mph 24/7 due to some rough sections of road.

## CNCC fall community classes

**MEEKER** | Fall classes are in process. Don't miss out. Attention food service providers: Food Safety Works training for food service workers to be certified: Tuesday, Oct. 9, 9-11 a.m. or 2-4 p.m. CO Cottage Food Training Certification provides an opportunity to learn the rules of a food business from a home kitchen: Wednesday, Oct. 2, 9-12 a.m. Social Media Marketing—Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to noon. Excel—great class for anyone, Oct. 8-29 morning class, Oct. 9-30 evening class. For further information and to register for these classes, call 878-5227, email iris.franklin@cncc.edu or stop by the office at 345 Sixth St. next to the post office.

## Rodeo Royalty Clinic Sept. 28

**RBC** | All girls interested in participating in rodeo royalty are invited to join Hailey Frederiksen, Lady-in-Waiting, Miss Rodeo Colorado 2020 at the Western Slope Rodeo Royalty Clinic Sept. 28, 2019, in Battlement Mesa. A fun and informative one day clinic open to all girls 10 years and older. Great speakers all day and activities. Enjoy the delicious hot catered lunch by Wing Nutz of Rifle. Call Lyndsay Jo Smith at 970-222-7231, email at lyndsayjo1850@gmail.com or go to the website www.westernsloperodeoroyalty.com for more information.

## Battle of Milk Creek anniversary

**RBC** | Please join us to celebrate three significant developments of the Milk Creek Battlefield Park on the 140th anniversary of the battle on Saturday, Sept. 28 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Milk Creek Battlefield Park. There will be a presentation of the colors by the VFW, dedication of the new signage, celebration of the life and contributions of Joe Sullivan to the Park, and a presentation of how the monument to the Ute warriors came to be and its significance by Robert Chapoose. For more information please call the White River Museum at 970-878-9982.

## Fairfield Trust grant deadline Oct. 1

**MEEKER** | The deadline for the semi-annual Fairfield Trust grant applications will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019. Applications mailed to P.O. Box 2302, Meeker, Colorado, must be received not post marked by Oct. 1 or delivered to a trust committee member—Scott Hollenbeck, Niki Turner or Kim Brown. Diane Dunham will not be available to received applications on that date.

## Newman named to honor roll

**MEEKER** | Elijah T. Newman of Meeker has been named to the scholastic honor roll for the summer term at Oregon State University. Newman, a sophomore, is studying biohealth sciences. To be on the honor roll students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

# COMMISSION: Continuance meeting set for Oct. 3

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not worth all the political promises that have been kept in this entire world.”

Scott Mobley, a past resident of Rio Blanco County and current RBC taxpayer, who now lives in Alaska, said where he lives, “you can do whatever you want to do and it hasn't caused the end of the world.”

“I think people are just getting tired of big government telling them what to do. I think relaxing these codes is a good start of eliminating government interference where the county has no liability, no responsibility, if a person wants their place inspected let them hire an inspector and have them inspected,” Mobley said.

“We can recommend some changes and stuff,” said Travis Day, planning commission board chair.

Mona Avey, running for county commissioner in 2020, said she believes the changes are needed. “As a person who has dealt with some of the issues these codes have created. I think this is a great first step.” Avey previously told the commissioners they were in the driver's seat of making changes. “When you own property there are some things you should be able to do without government telling you when, what and how.”

Local contractor Jack Ball had a list of

concerns and questions, beginning with whether there will be a building official and a building department at the county level, and moving on to the definition of a primary residence. According to the resolution as written, the dwelling a person stays at the most is their primary residence, regardless of the amount of time spent at that residence.

Contractor Chris Lockwood agreed with Ball's concerns, and added a question about the “right to eliminate commerce by creating a 10-day waiting period.”

“I'm worried about health, safety and welfare of the people. I'm worried about commerce, too. What if I take the rural exemption, and this doesn't get passed?”

County Planner Leif Joy said according to direction he has received, the county is moving forward. “Beyond that, I'm not an attorney and I apologize I can't answer that...From the direction I've been given, the rural exemption will stay in place.”

Joy also said the intent is to keep the building department intact, but to provide more options for residents.

Questions about the primary residence, Joy said, will have to go to legal for definition.

Lockwood requested the commission create a preapproved list of inspectors that will be made available to the public.

“Be proactive and consumer oriented,” he added.

Commission member John Scott, who is also a realtor, said he believes inspections need to be required on residences.

“I think this is good, and this is a good move in the right direction, it just needs polished,” Scott said.

Ball asked about financial impact to the county from the change. “Has anybody done a study? I don't think we can proceed without that if the county is going to lose revenue.”

Contractors, and some of the commission members, expressed concerns about safety, spec homes, after-the-fact inspection requirements, potential loopholes, confusion about the continued need for state-required inspections, zoning vs. use requirements, and more.

The changes don't affect industrial or commercial properties, or properties within town limits in Rangely or Meeker.

After further discussion, commission member Ginny Love stated, “The intent of this was good in theory, but when it comes to life and safety I think we really better take a step back and look at this. It might be a good first start, but too much is open-ended.”

The commissioners can accept the continuance and seek answers to the questions raised, or can override the commission's recommendation.



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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

### Even a broken clock is right twice a day

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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There's a beautiful, elegant clock tower on the southwest corner of the courthouse square in Meeker. There's only one problem with the clock: it's wrong.

The courthouse clock is about 5-7 minutes fast. How do I know? Because when I'm rushing to get to a meeting, invariably I check that clock and think I'm late and panic.

Installed in 2007, the clock was one of the projects tackled by the now defunct Meeker Businesses in Action group. A portion of the funds were donated by former Rio Blanco County Abstract owner Dean Hubbell, who donated toward a similar clock tower project in Rifle on Railroad Avenue. After months of fundraising, the clock and the accompanying information kiosks were installed in June 2007.

Here's where the mystery comes in... no one seems to know who is responsible for maintaining the clock. I've asked the county, the town and White River Electric Association, all of which were involved in the original project in some way.

If I remember correctly, the clock has a controller in the base that automatically resets for Daylight Saving Time. Some street clocks have GPS capabilities (atomic clock) to maintain the correct time. However, problems with the controller could lead to variations in timekeeping, particularly after more than a decade.

If anyone knows who is responsible for maintaining the courthouse clock, please let me



know. Let's see if we can figure out how to get our clock back on track.

I've been tagged several times on social media this week in a meme that says newspaper stands for "north, east, west, south, past and present event report." I love it, because it works, but it apparently has no legitimate historical value as either an acronym or as an abbreviation. Who knows, maybe that's how new abbreviations are born.

If you keep sweeping uncomfortable or unpleasant things under the proverbial rug, whether it's that fall chore you don't want to tackle or a mistake you'd rather hide, sooner or later you're going to trip over the bump you've created and everything is going to come tumbling out in the open one way or another.

## GUEST COLUMN: SOPHIA'S SOAPBOX

### High School: Under Construction

By **SOPHIA GOEDERT**  
Special to the HT



**Sophia Goedert**

**MEEKER** Many in the community know what's happening with the construction of the new high school, but what many don't know is how the students and staff are currently feeling with everything going on.

Porter Hossack, currently a Meeker High School sophomore says he's excited for "things to be a little more modern," and, "not have the feeling of a school you'd see in the Back to the Future films." When asked why, he said, "Our generation is the generation of technology, so it will make it feel like more of a learning environment." Hossack was also surprised at how easy the transition from last year to this year was.

"The construction made it seem like it was going to make things a lot harder than last year, but surprisingly I would say it felt like year if not easier." When asked how the construction was affecting how he goes about his day he said space was the biggest factor. "Between classes, the halls are so crowded that it is almost impossible not to run into

someone, or be on time to your next class." Overall he had good things to say about the school and seemed very excited to see the final product of the school, just as the rest of the students are.

Asked about her thoughts on what's to come in the new school, high school secretary Mandy Etheridge sounded very optimistic. Asked specifically what she is most excited for in the new school she said it was to have space that was modern and up to date, to add a new feel to the school, as well as more bathrooms. She was also pleasantly surprised at how easy the transition from last year to this year was. "Having everything planned out was a huge help. Everyone from the staff, administration and the owners reps had everything planned out which helped everything run very smoothly."

A discussion with Chris

Selle, Meeker School District Superintendent, gave a good idea as to where they are with construction. "They are planning on being completely done by January 2021. Staff should get moved to the south end of the building in the summer and it will be ready to be the start of next school year for the students." He was pleased to say they are currently ahead of schedule for foundations on the south end, but still have a ways to go. "Sometime during November we will start to see some structure go up for the new classrooms."

Selle also mentioned that designs for the bus garage are coming along, saying great improvements have been made.

All in all, everyone interviewed sounded excited to see what comes of the whole project, from being able to "branch out" and seeing what new and exciting things will come to Meeker with this project complete.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Sophia Goedert, a junior at Meeker High School, is doing her work study at the HT. This is her first monthly column in which she'll report on items of interest at the high school.*

## GUEST COLUMN: LOOSE ENDS

### Rebuilding the bridge between cultures

By **DOLLY VISCARDI**  
Special to the HT



**Dolly Viscardi**

**MEEKER** "Where did the Indians go?" continues to be a commonly asked question from first time visitors to this area. The White River Utes were removed to a desert reservation from their homeland in 1879 after Indian Agent Nathan Meeker and the other men working with him were killed. It was not long after troops were called to the Indian agency that the soldiers decamped from their "Camp on the White River" and sold adobe buildings which were part of the old fort barracks to settlers.

The first efforts to bring members of the Northern Utes back to their homeland included a handmade banner which welcomed members of the Ute Indian Tribe from Fort Duchesne, Utah. The sign—decorated with children's signatures and handprints—

said it all, "Welcome Friends." It was an emotional gathering for all of the participants and included speeches and gifts given by local officials, prayers and

introductory comments before music and dance performances offered by tribal elders, and one-on-one conversations between townsfolk and tribe members. It set the tone of increasing respect for one another and building a future based on frank communication about the past.

It was obvious to anyone listening that both tribal members and community members were attempting to get to know each other, as well as to be open to a continuing relationship in the coming years. Expressing fear about visiting the place of their ancestors, quite a few of the tribe conveyed their anxiety, which has limited communication between the two groups. Interested in learning more about the Ute tribal culture and traditions, many Meekerites

expressed the view that this first event should help pave the way for future visits with tribal members.

All of the presenters spoke honestly and openly so that when the welcoming ceremony was completed, dialogue between members of both groups promised to keep the lines of communication open. Before the Ute reservation was opened for settlement, the early residents of the outlying areas began to build a relationship with the Ute Indians. They traded information as well as goods, and when things heated up at the Indian agency, they let each other know about it. It wasn't an easy relationship, but it sufficed for the survival of both cultures.

Reading through the historical accounts of the killing of the Indian agent and the males who worked for him, as well as the battle at Milk Creek that sparked the removal of the Utes from their ancestral lands, one is left feeling that in the end both groups lost. Whether it be loss of life, as well as loss of place, the void created by the complex lessons of the past yawns before us. The only way to close that void is to rebuild a solid bridge between cultures. It is the casual conversations between cultures that serve as building blocks for that bridge.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Gas prices in Meeker

Dear Editor:  
All of us would like to buy locally. Good for business, good for the community. But...

Yesterday, the price of gas was \$3.09 per gallon in Meeker. That's \$.50 per gallon more in Meeker than in Rifle. One reason often given is that it costs more to get gas transported to Meeker. However, according to recent figures from multiple reporting agencies, the cost per mile to operate a tanker truck is less than \$2.00 per mile and that includes the driver. I don't know what the gasoline retailers in Rifle pay for transportation of fuel to their sites, but, at \$2.00 per mile, the additional cost to get gas to Meeker should only be \$82 more (41 miles @ \$2.00 per mile).

An average tanker holds 9,000 gallons. Doing the math, a gallon of gas should require less than one additional penny to get the fuel brought to Meeker from Rifle.

Typically, our Meeker gas stations charge about the same price per gallon. What's happened to good old fashioned American-style competition in Meeker?

Stephen Austin  
Rio Blanco

### Polis calls energy industry struggles 'silly'

Dear Editor:  
On Aug. 28, Governor Polis spoke at the Colorado Oil and Gas Association's annual conference. While at the conference Governor Polis dismissed the struggle of the oil and gas industry by labeling their concerns "silly." Not only did he undermine a keystone industry that is vital to Colorado's economy, he insulted the families and communities who rely on the oil and gas industry for a living. While this was the first-time many Coloradans saw this blatantly dismissive attitude from the Governor Polis and his administration, it's something the western slope has witnessed before.

On Aug. 21 the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) held a regulatory hearing in Glenwood Springs asking for stakeholder input on the implementation of Senate Bill 181. Upon signing SB181, Governor Polis promised it would be "good for the energy industry" and "good for workers," despite the rushed legislative process which limited input from Western Slope communities and other key stakeholders.

The rule making process established by SB-181 was intended to rectify stakeholder input denied during the legislative process. But at the regulatory hearing in Glenwood Springs, the Polis administration showed its true colors. The governor and his appointees don't care about the views of the energy industry, energy workers or community leaders who support this vital

sector of the Western Colorado economy.

Dozens of people who attended were effectively blocked from testifying because of the way meeting was run by Jeff Robbins, the director of the newly comprised Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. After planning a tight schedule and giving witnesses specific times to speak, COGCC officials changed the schedule last minute. Public comment periods and expert panels were delayed by hours, forcing many people with work commitments to leave before they could voice their concerns directly to the regulatory agency.

The selection of Glenwood Springs as the location for the hearing further affirms the organizations disregard for the individuals and families who work in the energy industry. By selecting Glenwood Springs, the commission consciously discouraged members of communities proportionately more impacted by energy development from attending the hearing. In response, I invited the commission to hold a meeting in Rangely to observe our community which has demonstrated, through genuine stakeholder dialogue, that the energy industry and Coloradans can mutually benefit from energy development.

The commission's suppressive tactics played into the hands of anti-oil and gas groups, who had nowhere else to be and happily filled the speaking slots of energy workers, industry experts and community leaders who couldn't stay indefinitely.

Sidelining these stakeholders gave "keep it in the ground" groups a louder voice than they truly represent. It was like the SB-181 debate at the State Capitol all over again, with officials doing everything possible to amplify the voices of groups that oppose oil and gas development at the expense of all other stakeholders.

Thankfully, local elected officials, rank-and-file energy workers and concerned citizens were able to steer the debate back towards the facts.

"We have better air now with 11,000 active wells than we did in 2008 with 6,000 wells," Garfield County Commissioner John Martin testified, according to one local press report. "You have to ask yourselves, 'Why?' It's because of the involvement of the county, the industry and our citizens."

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Mesa County Commissioner Rose Pugliese testified on the COGCC's "alternative siting analysis" process, which has yet to be defined and could extend the permitting process indefinitely.

Pugliese reminded the COGCC that oil and gas operators already spend months, if not years, evaluating alternative sites, balancing interests of landowners, local governments, the environment and many other factors before applying for a permit application.

"There is a fine line between helping people find common ground and finding excuses to delay the approval of permits," Pugliese warned. "If the evaluation of alternatives never ends, a final decision is never made, and a permit is never approved, drilling will never take place."

As SB-181 was headed to the governor's desk, Director Robbins promised that oil and gas permitting would continue "business as usual" under SB-181.

Since then, however, the rate of oil and gas permitting has plummeted. And the events last week in Glenwood Springs suggest the COGCC is skewing its new rulemaking process to favor "ban fracking" groups.

After witnessing the COGCC's attitude towards citizens, industry experts, and community leaders concerning the importance of our oil and gas industry, it's no surprise that Governor Polis would label legitimate concerns as "silly". Unless Governor Polis and his appointees' changes course, we should assume his administration is working in bad faith against Colorado.

*Konnie Billgren  
Executive Director  
Certified Business Consultant  
The Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce*

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## OBITUARIES

### Elsie Martin

May 19, 1924 ~ Sept. 20, 2019



Elsie Martin

On Sept. 20, 2019, Elsie Martin of Meeker peacefully departed this life to join her beloved husband Clifton "Bud," infant son Douglas, and her daughter Maureen "Rena." Elsie was born and raised in Brush, Colorado, to the late Ervin and Lola Tompkins. She had three older siblings and would often lament on the hardships of being the youngest child, which included being the last to get the bath water!

She married Clifton "Bud" Martin on March 13, 1947, and followed him all over Colorado while he worked on the road crew for the Colorado Department of Transportation. CDOT moved them to Meeker in 1948 where they lived for the remainder of their lives. They raised four children: Lois, Charlene, Maureen "Rena", and Larry. After Rena's death, they raised her

daughter, Laura.

Elsie worked at the Meeker Café and for the Meeker School District as one of the beloved "lunch ladies." For

many years she would have children come up and give her hugs in the grocery store and the post office because she "fed them lunch" and to this day it is a firm belief of many Meeker school kids that a cinnamon roll goes with chili. She was skilled at gardening, crocheting, needle point, and coloring with her grandchildren. After Bud and Elsie purchased a motorhome, camping and traveling was

something they dearly loved until Bud's death in 2001.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, husband Bud, infant son Douglas, and daughter Rena. Elsie is survived by daughters Lois Stone and Charlene Whaley (Howard), son Larry Martin and granddaughter/daughter Laura Smith (David). Grandchildren: James Amick (Paula), Teri Chamberlain (Steve), Pamela Guzman, Charles Whaley, Wayne Whaley, Mark Whaley, Jennifer Martin, Shane Martin, Amber Martin, Renae Cottrell, Brittany LeBleu, Brittany Smith and Meghan Smith; 26 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held for Elsie at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, at the Church at Meeker in Meeker, Colorado.

### Jerry Earl Moomey

March 9, 1936 ~ Sept. 15, 2019



Jerry Moomey

Jerry Earl Moomey passed away on Sept. 15, 2019, at his home in Meeker, Colorado. He was the eldest son of Harry F. Sr. and Mary Mercedece Sapp Moomey, born March 9, 1936, in Eldorado, Butler County, Kansas.

Jerry served in the United States Army in Korea, and was also stationed in Germany. He married Goldia Brenton on Oct. 14, 1963 and again on July 15, 1988 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Jerry worked in the oil fields for many years, in many positions, for many oil companies.

He dearly loved his family, doing genealogy, fishing,

hunting, and visiting with his many friends.

He leaves one brother, Harry F (Butch) Moomey Jr. and his wife Betty; wife Goldia—56

happy years of marriage; seven children: Karen A Moomey, Elliot, ("Eddie") of Hobbs, New Mexico; Carl and Kelly Moomey, Theresa Moomey, Judy Simon, all of

Meeker, Colorado. Rusty and Anne Moomey of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Darrell and Peggy Moomey of Evergreen, Colorado, and Jere J. (Toby) Moomey Hagin of Grand Junction, Colorado, and spouse Tim; 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and many more family and friends.

A "Celebration of Life" will be in the spring of 2020. It will be announced at a later date.

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## Joshua: The Prize-Winning of Faith (1)

By Dr. J. D. Watson  
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. (Heb. 11:30)



Dr. J.D. Watson

**T**WO short verses in Hebrews 11 briefly mention two historical incidents but amazingly link the two seemingly contradictory champions involved: one a godly leader of Israel but the other a pagan harlot. From both, however, we learn the same lesson: the prize-winning of faith, that victory comes only when we obey the Word of God.

The book of Joshua is a record of the conquest of the land of Canaan and its later division among the tribes of Israel. The land was at that time inhabited by the Canaanites, a collection of various wicked and pagan peoples who were the descendents of Ham's son Canaan. God commanded His people to go in and simply take what He had given them. How significant it is that they are battling the Arab nations to this day! We look first, then, at Joshua.

*First, the requirement:* "The Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour" (Josh. 6:2). Jericho ("Place of Fragrance") is the oldest city in the world; according to most archeologists, it dates to 5000-4000 BC (some even say 8000). At 846 feet below sea level, it is also the lowest city on earth. It was extremely significant in Joshua's day (1500-1400 BC), being the most important city in the Jordan valley (Num. 22:1; Num. 34:15), a strategic juncture for caravans traveling east and west, and the strongest fortress in all of Canaan. Behind its massive walls, and with access to fresh water and storehouses of food, the citizens could rest with confidence.

With that backdrop, God told Joshua He would simply give this city into his hands—it was actually already his, in fact ("have given"). This was the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham that He would give him and his descendants everything south to north from the Nile River in Egypt to Lebanon and everything west to east from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River (Gen. 15:18; Josh. 1:4). It was not the result of military might, brilliant strategy, or diplomatic negotiation. It came by God's power alone. All He demanded from His people at Jericho was a few symbolic acts and faith in His promise of the result.

As we have noted several times, but what still bears constant repetition, this is faith: the *supreme confidence* in what God says and *settled conviction* that it will come to pass. "How weak soever the believer finds himself, and how powerful soever he perceives his enemy to be," wrote Puritan David Dickson, "it is all one to him, he hath no more to do but to put faith on work, and to wait till God works." That is what faith *pronounces*, and it is, as we will see in Joshua, what the godly believer *practices*.

*Scriptures for Study:* How do the following verses encourage us: 1 Corinthians 2:5; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5?

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GUEST COLUMN: MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Meeker School District 'accredited with distinction' for a fourth year

By **CHRIS SELLE**  
MSD Superintendent

**MEEKER** I The Meeker School District has been Accredited with Distinction four years in a row! The Colorado Department of Education annually releases a District Performance Framework (DPF) for each school district in the state. The DPF contains a score derived from the tests required by the State of Colorado (CMAS, PSAT, SAT, etc...). It also incorporates some postsecondary and workforce readiness measures. School districts are placed in one of five "accreditation" categories, depending on their

DPF score. In 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, the Meeker School District scored enough points on the DPF to be Accredited with Distinction, which is the highest possible category. The entire DPF can be found at [www.meeker.k12.co.us](http://www.meeker.k12.co.us).

The DPF uses state assessments to measure academic success in two ways. Academic achievement is a measurement used to gauge a student's academic success relative to a given academic standard. As the name would indicate, academic growth is used to gauge the amount of academic growth students make within a given school year. The DPF also incorporates postsecond-

ary and workforce readiness by measuring graduation rates, dropout rates, SAT scores, and matriculation rates. Matriculation rates are a measure of the types of endeavors students pursue following graduation. In order to be Accredited with Distinction, the school district must pass a high bar in each of these areas.

In addition to the DPF, the CDE also releases School Performance Frameworks (SPF) for each of our three schools. Each of the three schools scored enough points on their SPF to be rated in the highest category possible. The metrics used to calculate these points come from

the same general categories as the DPF. The SPF for the elementary and middle schools, obviously, do not include the postsecondary and workforce readiness measures. As such, 40% of the points on their SPF come from academic achievement and the other 60% come from academic growth. For the high school SPF, 30% of the points are from academic achievement, 40% from academic growth, and 30% from postsecondary and workforce readiness.

The purpose for which the Meeker School District exists is to help students learn. It is critically important to clarify that the test

scores are not our focus. Student learning is our focus. The test scores are merely evidence of the learning occurring in our classrooms. Phenomenal opportunities for student learning also occur through our elective and extracurricular programs which extends beyond the learning measured by the DPF and SPFs. Anyone in our community that has attended concerts, plays, or extracurricular contests can clearly see teamwork, perseverance, and self-confidence built through these activities. The development of citizenship, creativity, and problem solving is also evident through student artwork, career and tech-

nical education events or projects, technology integration, and positive behavior and attendance recognition.

The evidence of learning within Meeker School District RE-1 is exemplary, giving me further reason to proclaim I am proud to be a Meeker Cowboy!



Chris Selle

# COUNTY BEAT



By **NIKI TURNER**  
editor@ht1885.com

**RBC** I Commissioners Gary Moyer and Si Woodruff heard an update from the BLM's White River Field Office Manager Kent Walter Tuesday in Meeker during a workshop. Walter said they are in the process of finalizing a "gather plan" for wild horses for all areas outside of their herd management area.

"It's a multi-year plan, up to 10 years," he said. "Every approved gather technique will be at our disposal if we can get this passed."

"We've been working with our Piceance Mustang group, part of that is that gather plan is consistent with our goals. They understand the need to gather

those excess horses. I think it will be an advantage to us to have their support."

The horses outside the herd management area are hurting the horses within the HMA.

"That's my goal, to focus on those horses outside first, get them removed, and then we can look at management options inside the HMA."

"There's so many horses out there, I figure my focus should be outside, get to those horses first since they're outside our management area."

Walter also explained that landowners are able to call BLM if they have wild horses on their property and have them removed if they are outside the HMA. "It elevates it in the priority list," Walter said. On East Douglas,

BLM built a fence to create a boundary before moving horses off private property

Regarding oil and gas, Walter said they have approved 90 applications for permits to drill, with another 35 pending.

"We have 29 with Caerus that we'd really like to get approved," Walter said, but BLM is implementing a new automated system and cannot approve them manually anymore.

"The reason why you might hear something is we just transitioned over to a new system and there's some bugs. We're diligently working with the national office to get that resolved."

Walter said there are four rigs drilling in Rio Blanco County now. "Folks are drilling," he said. The September oil and gas

lease sale is today, Sept. 26.

Woodruff asked what BLM would like to see as far as fire suppression at the Meeker Airport.

"The Meeker Airport is requesting new water lines. They have half the capacity of any fire hydrant in the town limits. If we were to take this on, we need to work with the BLM," Woodruff said.

Fire suppression is required for new airplane hangars, but the Meeker airport lacks the water capacity to provide that.

Public Health Director Alice Harvey updated the board on her department, saying they have vaccinated three times the number of children this summer than in the last three years. "These are required back to school vaccines," she said.

Public Health is also providing a blood pressure clinic at Chuckwagon and Radino, and will be "fully operational" in both the Meeker and Rangely offices within a week, including new hours. Sixty-one percent of the department's clients are from Rangely.

Harvey said they are continuing to collaborate with the sheriff's office for health care at the detention center.

During the regular meeting, the commissioners approved the receipt of a grant for the department for opioid and substance

abuse prevention in the amount of \$1,769.25.

Public health is currently investigating a case of West Nile Virus identified in Craig.

During the regular meeting, Human Resources Director Laura Smith told the board to expect an 8.1% increase of medical insurance for county, 6% of which is from Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield and 2.1% is "because we have used more money than we have put into the plan."

The commissioners called a special meeting Wednesday, Sept. 25 to meet with department heads and discuss options.

"We're not trying to reduce the benefits, we're just trying to find the best deal for the county," Moyer said. "We want to still provide the same level of coverage."

Smith said there are various options the county can pursue.

Smith also updated the commissioners about the Community Services Block Grant board, which is required by the state. Two applicants were approved by the board: Dorothy Chappell and John Aitken. Smith and Woodruff are also on the board. Another elected official is needed, as well as two private sector individuals.

Commissioners approved policies and procedures for Columbine Park. Eric Jaquez, RBC project coordinator, said they plan to go through the same

process for the fairgrounds in Meeker.

In commissioner updates, Moyer said he attended AGNC in Oak Creek where Propositions DD and CC were discussed.

"If [DD] is passed, it will take 10% of the net profit from gaming institutions annually," Moyer said. The funds would go to the state water conservation board to fund water projects and help implement the state water plan. AGNC voted in support of Proposition DD, while Club 20 voted to remain neutral. Club 20 also voted to remain neutral on Proposition CC, which would allow government to spend any excess revenue collected instead of returning it to taxpayers, for entities that haven't "de-Bruced."

Woodruff said he attended the Board of Health meeting and the groundbreaking ceremony at Pioneers Medical Center. In working with the Rangely Airport on roof repairs, a rodent infestation was discovered that will have to be properly addressed because it's a health hazard. Public health was brought in to that discussion.

"I'm working with public health and contacting a few companies they've recommended for abatement and getting a best plan to address both the leak and the rodent issue, and how long it will impact the students at CNCC," Woodruff said.

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## Public health preparing emergency response in the event of disease outbreak or epidemic

By **BRETT DEARMAN**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** Alice Harvey, Director of Rio Blanco County Public Health, held an informal, community discussion with the county's Board of Health and other community leaders regarding the status of RBC immunizations as well as the progress being made regarding their emergency plans. Ty Gates, Si Woodruff and Dr. Krueger were present as well as representatives from Pioneer's Medical Center and Meeker School District. The newest member of Harvey's team, Kelly Christian, who started in August, was on hand to assist with the presentation.

Jim Johnson from Routt County was on hand to assist with the ongoing development of RBC emergency plan development. Johnson is a regional asset for the State of Colorado in the vein of emergency preparedness. To kick off the meeting, Johnson asked the group, "What do you guys think the Board of Health does?" The responses from the group were varied, but

all were on target. The BOH is essentially responsible for setting the policies regarding the overall health and well-being of the community members.

Harvey began her role as director in March 2019. Since that time, she has been hard at work getting familiar with the role. She hit the ground running and has been focused on getting prepared for immunizations and the approaching flu season. One of the key items that Harvey has been working on is well-written plan in the event of an outbreak of a communicable disease or epidemic in our county. The plan is still a work in progress, however, the work that has been accomplished so far is extensive and detailed.

What most people don't realize is that an outbreak in our community, even something as predictable as the flu, could have a tremendous impact if our hospital, clinics, schools, local businesses and community members are not prepared. The focus of Harvey's efforts is to build a plan that fosters community partnerships.

The Meeker School District recently

presented their emergency preparedness plan to the Board of Education. The emergency plan that RBCPH is working on dovetails with the District's emergency plan and in the event of an outbreak or epidemic, the two entities will be able to easily coordinate their efforts to deal with it.

For the purpose of discussion, Harvey and Christian picked two communicable diseases to present as "what if" scenarios: measles and pandemic influenza. Christian described measles as a disease that has been around for a long time, but was all but eradicated until recently. The measles virus is very communicable and is potentially fatal to the young, the elderly and people who have compromised immune systems. Due to its lengthy incubation period, this particular virus spreads very quickly. People can be contagious for up to four days before symptoms begin to appear. The best means of preventing the spread of this disease is vaccination. The vaccination for measles is combined with a vaccination for mumps and rubella as well (known as an MMR vaccination) and

requires at least two, but preferably three, inoculations over an extended period of time.

She went on to say that a large part of their job in this vein is watching for reported cases and surveying what's going on in the community in an attempt to get ahead of a potential outbreak before it starts. Immunization status will play a big part in that effort. For example, students who have been exempted from vaccinations for whatever reason may need to be excluded from school facilities for up to 21 days after the appearance of symptoms. The good news is that a person can be vaccinated within 72 hours of exposure to the virus. This late stage vaccination could prevent the disease, or lessen the symptoms.

The challenge will be how RBCPH coordinates mass vaccinations at the onset of an outbreak. The emergency preparedness plan they are working on addresses this issue. Another part of the emergency outbreak plan will be a mass vaccination plan. This would apply to other communi-

cable diseases as well measles.

Harvey stated that the State of Colorado government was impressed with the status of immunizations in RBC, with 90% of kindergarteners with complete MMR immunization. The state goal is to be at 90% by next year and 95% in five years. That said, the county-wide statistics (all students including homeschooled students and adults) show that RBC is below the state average. Harvey went on to say that their efforts to improve these numbers include reaching out to community leaders to help identify any barriers that may exist that would prevent someone from getting vaccinated.

For more information about vaccinations or questions about the emergency plans, contact Alice Harvey or Kelly Christian at Rio Blanco County Public Health. The phone number for the Meeker office is (970)878-9520 and the Meeker office location is 200 Main Street, Fairfield Center, Suite 200. The Rangely office can be reached at (970)878-9525 and their office is located at 101 E. Main Street.

## Colorado had highest increase in teen suicides in U.S.

By **ROXIE FROMANG**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** There is a silent killer preying on the young people of Colorado. With each life lost, at least six others are directly affected according to the American Association of Suicidology. September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Although it is important to address the problem of suicide year-round, this month is dedicated to a stigmatized and difficult topic. Suicide deaths in Colorado have increased almost every year since 2009, reaching a new high of 1,156 in 2016. Colorado that year had the fifth-highest suicide rate in the nation and has been in the top 10 states since 2009. Even more troubling is the suicide rate among Colorado teenagers. Colorado had the highest increase in the teen suicide rate in the U.S. since 2016. That's according to a new report by the United Health Foundation, which ranks each state for the health of its women and children. Dr. Linda Genen, the group's chief medical officer for women's health, said Colorado's teen suicide rate increased 58 percent from 2016 to 2019.

In the past three years, teen suicide in Colorado rose from 12.9 to 20.4 deaths per 100,000 adolescents ages 15-19, according to the report. Overall, that rate put Colorado as the sixth worst state. Nationally, the teen suicide rate is up 25 percent. Colorado's 2019 rate is nearly double that nationwide, 20.4 compared to 10.5 per 100,000 adolescents ages 15-19. Male teenagers in Colorado were more than twice as likely

to complete suicide than female teens. Most deaths were by white victims. In the 2016-2017 school year, our neighbors to the south, Mesa County saw seven teen suicides. The report found that half of young people ages 3 to 17 in Colorado didn't get needed mental health counseling.

Many factors could be helping to drive the trend, including a family history of depression and suicide, divorce, abuse, addiction, bullying, and social isolation. But an added hit to our rural communities is the lack of mental health services. Twenty-two rural counties do not have a licensed psychologist in Colorado. In 2018, nine of the ten counties with the fewest providers are rural, where there are over 2,000 patients per provider. Rio Blanco County is fortunate with five licensed psychologists or counselors according to Michelle Huber, Meeker and Rangely Outpatient Program Director for Mind Springs Health. The worst is Conejos County, in extreme southern Colorado, with one provider to 8,130 patients. Colorado's southwest corner and central mountains had the highest overall suicide rates in 2017, followed by a handful of eastern plains counties. Montezuma, La Plata and Archuleta counties in the southwest saw over 32 deaths per 100,000 people, as compared with 18 per capita in Denver County in 2017. In Western Colorado, West Springs Hospital, located in Grand Junction, is the only psychiatric hospital between Denver and Salt Lake City. In 2017, the State of Colorado decided to realign responsibilities, regions and funding for behavioral health crisis services. As a result, the 10-county

area served by Mind Springs Health is now part of a 22-county 'Region 1' area. The Western Slope walk-in crisis center is now located in Montrose instead of Grand Junction, but mobile crisis response services are available everywhere including Rio Blanco County and are now accessed through a new phone number provided below.

### WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP OUR TEENS?

Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. 9 in 10 teens who take their own lives met criteria for a diagnosis of psychiatric or mental health condition or disorder, more than half of them with a mood disorder such as depression or anxiety. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues. As a parent or guardian, the simplest thing you can do for your child is to talk and listen to them. According to the publication Psychology Today, show your consistent presence to them and openness, this can show your teen you are available to discuss tough issues and to provide help and support should these concerns ever become a personal reality for your teen. It's a common misconception that asking about suicidal thoughts will somehow plant these thoughts. This leads many parents to avoid this topic. It is important for parents to know that no evidence suggests that appropriately asking about suicidal thoughts will increase the risk

of developing suicidal thoughts. As per the Center for Disease Control, here are some signs to be aware of when interacting with someone you may be concerned about.

### WARNING SIGNS MIGHT INCLUDE:

- Talking or writing about wanting to die
- Expressing hopelessness
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Increased alcohol and drug use
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- Extreme mood swings
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Changes in sleeping habits

Because risk assessment is a very individualized process, no content, including that of this article, should be taken as a substitute for a face-to-face visit with a professional. If your teenager's behavior has you concerned, don't wait to contact your pediatrician. Call your local mental health crisis support team or go to your local emergency room if you think your child is actively suicidal and in danger of self-harm. Other suicide prevention resources available to you:

■ Colorado Crisis and Support Line at 1-844-493-8255 or text TALK to 38255.

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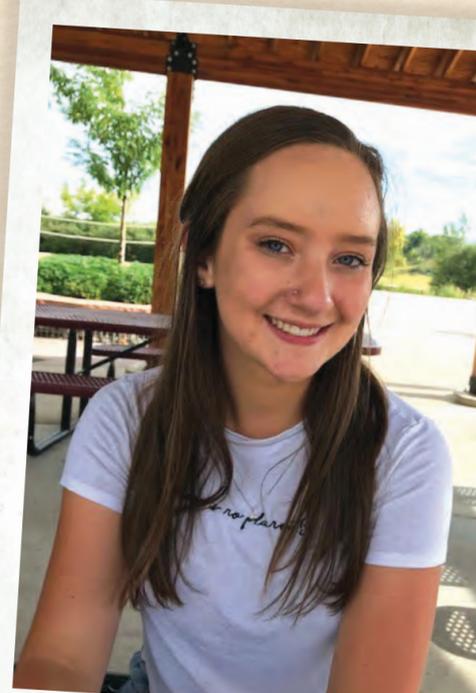
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# ERBM board hears input from staff on state of the district

By **NIKI TURNER**  
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**MEEKER** | The Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District held a public meeting Sunday, Sept. 22 for staff and board members to discuss the district's future, capital projects, and staff concerns and

questions. "That was part of the value of today," said board president Kent Walter. "It wasn't just getting feedback, it was educating the employees, too. There was a lot of positive about today. It was a good business practice. How many organizations do that?" Staff said feedback received

wasn't necessarily what they expected, but the communication was authentic, and helped overcome some challenges. "The chain of command is still super important," Walter said. "In some of the groups I was in they talked about that." Walter said it was a good time to reexamine the "hoops" of communication and what needs to be addressed. "In some cases, everyone is so fixed on this [matrix] we can't get this done," said board member Dan Chinn.

"For me there is a frustration," said Dondi Glasscock, administrative services manager. "It's inefficient. We've gotten so into layers, that's my personal experience. We got stuff done." "There were some really serious questions asked, and the risk of doing that is getting answers you don't want to hear," Walter said. "How do we tweak? Thank goodness we're in an organization that's willing to ask the questions." The board heard a presentation about the town's compre-

hensive plan update and spoke with comprehensive plan consultants about plans for river access that are part of the district's second phase of Town Park updates, and future plans for outdoor recreation. "How can the town lead this?" asked Walter. "How can we complement each other?" Expansion of trails, the golf course, winter activities—including cross country skiing and ice skating—were part of that discussion. Executive Director Sean VonRoenn looped the conver-

sation back to trails and how to expand them, and the challenge of working with multiple landowners for expansion of the current trail system, particularly along the river. Walter asked about marketing. "The things we're offering are different," he said. "It's a different experience." How to market that raises more questions, which board members discussed further. The ERBM board meets again Oct. 8.

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## Hamblin to be named Rangely Chief of Police

By **ROXIE FROMANG**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | The Rangely Town Board of Trustees met briefly about 2020 budget requests Sept. 24 prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Town Manager Lisa Piering said Mayor Andy Shaffer rode along with water department supervisor Don Reed and viewed the areas of concern Reed had requested funding for in the coming year. An important budget request made by the water department at the last budget work

session was replacement of the problem riddled cement/asbestos water line on Kennedy Drive. After Shaffer and Reed met, it was determined that redirecting the line along U.S. Highway 139 to the backside of the La Mesa Subdivision was the best course of action. Piering said they will need to do some research and engineering on the possibility of a pump station. Trustees reviewed the proposed budget including the budget request from interim Chief of Police Ti Hamblin for a sixth

officer position and patrol vehicle. A marketing coordinator position that had been budgeted for the current year was recently offered to a perspective candidate and Piering is waiting for an answer. She noted that the Kennedy Drive bike path needs repaired and that should be a priority for the safety of the citizens and college students. The town will close on the sale of two empty lots in the La Mesa Subdivision on Sept. 27 and that unbudgeted revenue will go into the housing fund. The new owner

plans to build on the land. A cost of living increase and some merit increases has been proposed for the town employees in 2020. Piering said department supervisors would like to keep up with the cost of living increases. Trustees mulled over increasing rates. Piering said they should get a rate structure analysis underway, rates in the gas department haven't been increased since 2004. Severance revenue came in about \$200,000 more than projected and sales tax was steady. Piering hopes the town will come out a little bit ahead on the sales tax after the Shop N Dine program in November.

During the regular meeting, Piering said the safety committee met about the security at town hall. They spoke with Interim Police Chief Hamblin about the future implementation of securing employee-only areas at the business office and an emergency preparedness program. During council reports Shaffer said he spoke to Ryan from Ennovate. They are still moving forward but, "their permitting is causing them lots of havoc." They hope to make progress in 2020.

Granger attended the Club 20 meeting and said that it was a great networking opportunity. Representative Perry Will would like to visit Rangely. Trustees discussed inviting Perry Will to Rangely for a "Town Hall" style meeting. Kelli Neiberger said a fire on Mesa Drive damaged a gas meter and they capped it off underground until further instruction from the property owner. There was an issue on W. Bell Dr. with pressure on the meter set due to settling of the earth at those homes. Flexible pipe has been used at that location to alleviate pressure on the meters.

Town of Rangely employees attended a Stop the Bleed training hosted by Rangely District Hospital. Lastly, Neiberger reports that their atmospheric corrosion inspection on every meter in the system has been completed. Piering said former Rio Blanco County Building Official Jeff Kummer has been hired on a temporary basis while County Building Inspector LaDonna Eubanks recovers from injuries. Piering said, "I felt that it was important for the town to have a certified building inspector to continue doing ours [inspections]." Kummer will be working in Rangely on Tuesdays and Thursdays. "He will help to get the building code up to par and some other things while we have him here."

Ti Hamblin will be promoted to Chief of Police effective Sept. 20. "Be sure to congratulate him, he has earned that position and I think he will do us a great job," Piering said.

The board approved a renewal of the liquor license for Giovanni's Italian Grill. Candra Robie, athletic director for Colorado Northwestern Community College was on hand to answer questions about a special event permit application for the CNCC Foundation Murder Mystery Dinner in October.

A motion was made to support Proposition DD, which implements a 10% tax on newly authorized casino sports betting to fund systematic and bipartisan effort to preserve Colorado's Water future. After some brief discussion about how the 10% tax was devised the motion passed unanimously. There are still two vacancies on the RDA/RDC Board and one vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board. The next Rangely Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.



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## Panthers triumph over Saints 34-22

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**RANGELY** | The Rangely High School Panther football team traveled to Gypsum, Colorado to take on the Vail Christian Saints for each of the team's Western Slope League opener on Sept. 20. The Panthers came into the game with a 3-0 mark on the season by defeating Norwood in week one, Dove Creek in week two and Del Norte in week three. The Saints defeated Front Range Christian in week one and Norwood in week two. This was the eighth time the Panthers and Saints had squared off against each other with the Saints holding a 7-2 mark over the Panthers. The Panthers defeated the Saints 46-22 in Rangely last year while both teams qualified for the Colorado 8-man, 16-team state playoff bracket.

The game started in a very physical manner that both the Saints and the Panthers like. Unfortunately, on the first defensive play of the game senior Tytus Coombs had to be removed from play with a left knee injury and did not return for the Panthers. Coombs leadership and skill on the field was missed as the offense sputtered on their first two offensive possessions as they were forced to punt. The Saints scored on their first possession but were unsuccessful in converting the extra point and led 0-6 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Panther defense held strong as they forced two straight turnovers on downs and one forced fumble. After the forced fumble the Panther offense marched the ball



Sophomore center Byron Mackay gets ready to hike the ball on the offensive line.

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down with physical offensive line play by juniors Gabe Polley and Austin Davis and sophomore center Byron Mackay. Sophomore Zane Varner broke two tackles on his way to a 28-yard run for a touchdown to tie the game up for the Panthers. Junior quarterback Anthony Lujan completed a short pass to fellow junior Ryan Richens in the end zone for a successful two-point conversion and the Panthers led 8-6 with 4:18 left in the second quarter. The Saints

answered back with a touchdown and a successful two-point conversion to put the score to 14-8 at halftime.

In the third quarter the Saints offense continued to roll as they stretched the score to 26-14 while stuffing the Panther offense. The Panthers brought the game back into reach after trailing 34-8 in the fourth quarter. Anthony Lujan punched the ball into the endzone for the Panthers after the Panthers forced a Saints fumble to end the

third quarter. Senior running back Justin Rusher brought the Panthers to the Saints one-yard line and Lujan gained the one yard for the score. Lujan again completed a pass to Ryan Richens for the successful two-point conversion to bring the score to 34-16 in favor of the Saints. On the ensuing kickoff, Ryan Richens hit a Vail Christian front line player with the ball and recovered the ball for the Panthers. The Panthers scored again bringing the score to the final 34-22 mark.



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**Senior Cole Rogers, practicing escape and evasion on a kick return, Rogers had 22 return yards Saturday against the Badgers; scoring one touchdown and receiving for an additional 46 yards.**

## Meeker XC runs at Fruita invitational

By TIFFANY JEHOEK  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC** | The Anna Banana Wildcat Invitational hosted 172 varsity runners in Fruita, Colorado, last Saturday. The Meeker Cowboys took 11 varsity members, missing some to injury and illness that has hit the school hard. "We were dealing with some injuries and illnesses this week and we did not post our best times of the season, but still saw some good effort," commented head coach Marty Casey.

Fruita was very windy, but it helped to keep the temperatures in check. Shane Kobald came in top placer at the 63 spots for the boys with a time of 21 minutes and 24.6 seconds and Brighton Bair, who came in 55th in 24:29.9, was top placer for the girls. Also scoring for the boys was Gabe Richardson with a time of 21:30.8 and Owen Hanneman who finished in 22:36.6, and on the girls' side Gwyn Hooks and Kate Lockwood scored with times just over 27 minutes. The race consisted of a few teams that are new for the Cowboys, but that only helps to see the level of competition necessary with regionals fast approaching.

Meeker, who is class 2A in cross country, is part of region 4, and their regional meet will take place in Delta. Currently, Bair is



COURTESY PHOTO

**Gage Richardson and Shane Kobald (right) competed with the MHS cross country team at the Anna Banana Invitational in Fruita. Kobald came in first of 63 competitors with a time of 21:24.6 with Richardson close behind with a time of 21:30.8.**

ranked 12 in the region and the highest-ranked Meeker Cowboy, Kobald 22, and Gabe Richardson 23, all times originating at the Eagle Valley Invitational.

"We will take everyone to Craig next week," said Casey, "and that includes the middle school runners who will also be competing." The Craig meet is this Saturday, with races to begin at 10 a.m. Craig is the last of three meets before regionals.

## Cowboys head into league play

Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER** | For the fourth time in three years the Limon Badgers and Meeker Cowboys battled it out on the football field. A final score of 42-28, the Badgers took the victory once again. "We dug ourselves in a hole early on," said head coach Shane Phelan; early in the second quarter Limon was up 13-0. "There were just too many mistakes early on and we were unable to recover," commented Phelan.

Just before the half, sophomore Kelton Turner recovered and fumble and returned it for a touchdown, and the teams went to the locker rooms 13-6 with the Cowboys picking up a little steam. Then in the third quarter, Limon added 22 points to their score, beginning with an early kick return, and the Cowboy momentum faltered. At the end of the third, it was 35-14, "We were unable to execute at key moments," said Phelan, "but the boys kept competing the entire game. Kudos to Limon, for starting strong and keeping it up the

entire game."

The Cowboys now turn their eyes to Grand Valley; they will have a week of rest as they have a bye this week and then begin league play. "This will be a good week for us to refocus and continue to improve," commented Phelan. "We really look forward to league play and the continuation of the season." A lot can happen in the next week with rankings, but right now the Cowboys are ranked No. 4 according to Colorado High School Athletic Association. Next week there will be some key games across class 1A and undoubtedly some shuffling.

This week the Cowboy JV was also on the field and took on the Grand Valley at home Monday. Meeker was down early but kept battling to tie it up and ultimately win in overtime.

The Cowboys will be traveling to Parachute on Friday, Oct. 4 to take on the Cardinals, games to begin at 7 p.m. The next home game will be Oct. 11, it is homecoming and Meeker will be hosting Cedaredge.

## MHS GOLF ...



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**The Meeker High School golf team competed in Cedaredge and Craig and will test their skills at a regional tournament in Aspen this week.**

## Rangely takes on county rival today

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** JV team ended up playing twice, playing Vail Christian's 'C' team and JV team. The JV team started out slow with some missed serves. As the game progressed the girls started to play their game winning the match in two sets. After the win the ladies had to get back on the court to play Vail Christian's JV team. They started right where they left off and taking the first set decisively.

Second set didn't go as well as the first and struggled with passing and terminating play. Vail Christian took the second set and pushed the Panthers into a third set. Third set started off slow for the Panthers, not able to put points on the board. Panthers made a small run but fell short in the third set losing to Vail Christian.

Varsity took to the court next ready for action. The Panthers looked good, terminating play and playing great

defense, according to coach Marybel Cox. Rangely took the first set 25-21. Unfortunately the Panthers dropped sets the next three sets to the Saints, 15-25, 19-25 and 22-25.

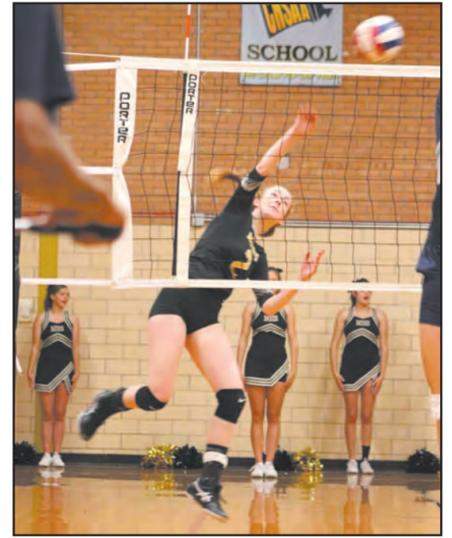
Unforced errors, passing errors and missed serves played vital roles in the Panthers loss. Hannah Wilkie and Kacie Lapp led in digs, and Aspen Low and Hannah Wilkie led in blocks. Panthers look to bounce back on Thursday when they play the Meeker Cowboys.

## Lady Cowboys one and one for the week

By PAIGE JONES  
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**MEEKER I** Last week the Lady cowboys took on the Hayden Tigers and Limon Badgers. The matches against Hayden held strong as the Cowboys beat the Tigers in three quick games. Before the games, the cowboys joined the tigers in a circle to celebrate the Tigers late wrestling coach who passed away last September. The varsity girls all joined together in prayer before the matches started. Limon was a different story. The lady cowboys gave up too many errors to beat the Badgers at home. Going into the second match the game looked possible for the cowboys as they beat the Badgers 25-17. The following matches held a strong block with competitive serving from the Badger offense, leaving the cowboys short taking a loss in this non-conference match against Limon.

After last weeks matches, stats show that Becca Steerman holds the most assists for the cowboys followed by Addie Joy. The cowboys have 343 season kills lead by Julia Dinwiddie with 128 followed by Emma Luce with 75. The cowboys head to Rangely this Thursday to take on the Panthers then Friday to West Grand to play the Mustangs.



BOBBY GUTIERREZ PHOTO  
Caleigh Morlan attacks set from the right side in a home game.



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The CNCC rodeo team traveled to Price, Utah for the USU Eastern college rodeo. The team heads to Logan, Utah this coming weekend for the Utah State University rodeo.

## Spartan rodeo team competes in Utah

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** The CNCC rodeo team made the short trip to Price, Utah this weekend for the USU Eastern college rodeo. Although the cowgirls struggled a bit with missed loops and tipped barrels, the cowboys posted their strongest weekend of the fall season.

Veteran all around cowgirl Kaycee Dezurney was CNCC's lone women's team competitor in the short round, placing seventh overall in the goat tying, just short of the points.

The men's team earned 610 team points placing second overall, their highest total of the season, stacking up high placings on both the roughstock and the timed events ends of the arena.

Sophomore Beau Southern continued with his two event success, placing third in bareback riding, and second in bull riding. The biggest leaps came in the tie down roping with upperclassman cousins Wyatt and Payson Hallam absolutely dominating the field, placing first and second in the short round and first and second overall.

The men's team totals were also bolstered by veteran Johnny Pavkov and roping partner Wyatt Hallam's performance in the team roping, placing fourth in the short go and fourth in the average.

Freshman roughstock specialist McCall Hopkins posted his first results of the year, winning second in the long go of the bull riding with an electric 79 point ride, and finishing up fourth overall.

The Spartans will be headed to Logan, Utah, this coming weekend for the Utah State University rodeo, the fourth of five fall season events.

## JV WINS IN OVERTIME ...



CATHIE DOLAN PHOTO  
The Cardinals jumped out ahead with a 14-0 lead, but Meeker JV tied up the game. When regulation time was over the game was still tied 14 all. The Cowboys beat Grand Valley in overtime 22-20 by completing the two point conversion. Trinden Powell (pictured) added 20 plus yards on the ground after catching a pass.

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## Softball plays two at home

By **TIFFANY JEHOEK**  
Special to the Herald Times

**MEEKER I** The number eight ranked Limon Badgers softball team came to Meeker to take on the Cowboys in a double-header last weekend; outscoring meeker 28-5. In the first game, the Cowboys lost 12-0 and the game was called early at the bottom of the fourth. The Cowboys had 13 at-bats to Limon's 19 and only one made connection.

The second game went better for Meeker with a final score of 16-5 as their bats started connecting. Jamie Jaklich, pitched two full games for the Badgers, and in the second game she allowed six Cowboy hits. This game was also called early and only went five innings.

The team now turns to preparing for a double-header against Delta Friday. The games will begin at 3 p.m. and the second will immediately follow.

## 8th grade v-ball plays in DeBeque

Special to the Herald Times

**RANGELY I** Eighth grade volleyball traveled to DeBeque on Friday. 8B started a little slow losing the first game 25-21, but rallied back to win the game with the score of 25-18 sending them to game three. Game three started slow and gave up many points early in a rotation that we just couldn't get back. Karlee Halcomb led the way in serving, along with Alyson Polley doing a great job stepping up and being a leader. 8A came away with the win in two games with scores of 25-19, and 25-23. Ryann Mergelman led the way in

serving with 14 points in the game. The girls traveled to Soroco on Saturday. 8B came away with the win in two games. Emme Wagner and Alli Coker did a great job hitting the ball and quite a few kills, coming from great sets by Karlee Halcomb. Paolia Munoz did a great job at the net. 8A also came away with the win in two games with the score of 25-16, 25-19. Kaitlyn Cox did a great job stepping up and serving early and getting us on a roll early. Laurie Ward did a nice job stepping in for a couple of big plays. Rangely will host Hayden on Saturday at RJSHS starting at 9 a.m.

## Mustangs host Panthers

**MEEKER I** The Meeker Mustangs hosted our Rio Blanco County neighbors, the Rangely Panthers, under the lights of Starbuck Stadium on Saturday. Up first, the Meeker Gold 3rd/4th team sought to avenge a previous Meeker Black loss to the Panthers. Well matched, these two determined teams battled to a 6-6 tie at the end of regulation. Taking the first possession in overtime, Meeker Gold punched in the end zone with authority. The Panthers did not match up in their possession, giving the home team a victory.

The 5th/6th grade Meeker team worked hard mentally and physically all week in preparation for the matchup with RBC rivals. Relaxed and confident, Meeker quickly took control of the game despite the Panthers well coached, physical attack. A well balanced game plan saw all Meeker team members contributing on both sides of the ball. A great pair of victories for the home teams in a rare "under the lights" fall classic.

## White River Planning Advisory Committee begins process of gathering input from local residents

By **CALLIE HENDRICKSON**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** A group of local conservationists and environmentalists (many of which are agriculture and industry producers and elected officials) held their first White River Planning Advisory Committee meeting. The purpose was to begin the process of gathering local input regarding the possible development of a management plan for the White River that would find opportunities to improve water quality and quantity.

The State of Colorado adopted the Colorado Water Plan in 2016. The plan proposes to create a water management roadmap to achieve a productive economy, vibrant and sustainable cities, productive ag., a strong environment and a robust recreation industry. Specific to protecting and enhancing stream flows, the plan calls for 80% of locally prioritized rivers to be covered by Stream Management Plans (SMP) by 2030.

Through this effort, locally led groups are encouraged to

develop plans that will help meet the above 80% goal. The Water Plan initially encouraged only SMPs using biological, hydrological, geomorphological and other data to assess the flows or other physical conditions that are needed to support collaboratively identified environmental and/or recreational values. However, experience across the state has shown the need to incorporate a more holistic approach including consumptive uses (agriculture, municipalities, energy, etc.). These types of plans are often called an Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP). The local community is encouraged to determine what they want to accomplish within the White River watershed and then find the right planning effort to help them achieve their goals.

With the State effort to develop stream management plans, the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts offered to lead a local process to determine if the community is interested and willing to engage in this activity. At the January 2019 White River Conservation District annual meeting, there

was strong support from attendees for the districts to proceed. Therefore, the districts developed the Planning Advisory Committee to provide guidance for this process.

Local stakeholder representatives on the committee will assist the districts in guiding this process. The committee is made up of 16 individuals representing agriculture, land and water right holders, municipalities, industry, environment and recreation. Many of the members are volunteers. The committee is well balanced geographically within Rio Blanco County and members have strong knowledge of water, water planning efforts, and local customs and cultures. The districts are providing coordination for the committee and Linda Masters, Rio Blanco County CSU Extension Director, will facilitate the committee meetings.

The members of this committee are dedicated individuals, representing various interests, who are willing to devote the time and effort necessary to help this process be successful. All stakeholders and interested parties

will have ample opportunity to provide input.

To determine interest, support, and potential commonalities for developing a plan on the White River, the committee is developing a set of questions identifying approximately 30 Rio Blanco County citizens to be interviewed. District staff will be conducting the interviews.

The information gathered from those interviews will be used to develop a starting point for a much broader discussion within the community regarding this effort throughout the winter months. Multiple public meetings will be held for all Rio Blanco County citizens to provide input. Based on citizen input, a report will be drafted and made available for public comments before a final document will be submitted to the Districts for action in the spring of 2020.

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## Meeker School District reports 90%+ attendance

**MEEKER I** The Meeker School Board met Sept. 24, 2019 at 7 p.m. This meeting consisted of approval of middle school basketball coaches, including eighth grade boys' head coach Dylan Mobley as well as seventh grade boys' co-coaches Paulette Hanks and Hallie Blunt. The board welcomed a new substitute to the district, Elizabeth Moffitt.

Meeker School District is up in head count since last month and has more than 90% attendance from Meeker Elementary, Barone Middle School and Meeker High School.

The construction of Meeker High School is moving forward as they place more foundation aspects of the building. Haselden has been giving site tours to classes at Meeker High that are geared towards their specific class topics. Four groups of classes have taken these educational tours to get a physics, and agricultural look at the building's construction thus far.



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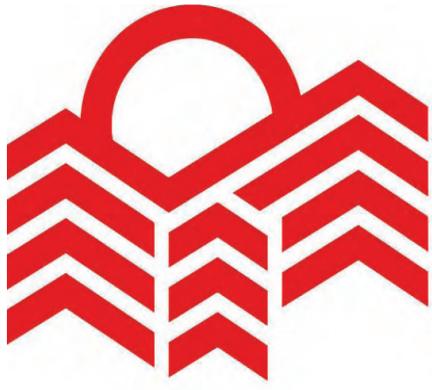
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How can people view the colorful fall foliage? **Fill in this puzzle to find out!**

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- ride a trail on \_\_\_\_\_
- some parks let you climb to the top of a fire \_\_\_\_\_
- hike to the peak of a \_\_\_\_\_
- have fun at a fall foliage \_\_\_\_\_
- camp in the \_\_\_\_\_
- look down from the clouds in this \_\_\_\_\_
- fly in the basket of a hot air \_\_\_\_\_
- pedal on a \_\_\_\_\_
- travel by \_\_\_\_\_ on the river
- roll down the tracks on a \_\_\_\_\_
- ride in a \_\_\_\_\_ to see and cross old, covered bridges

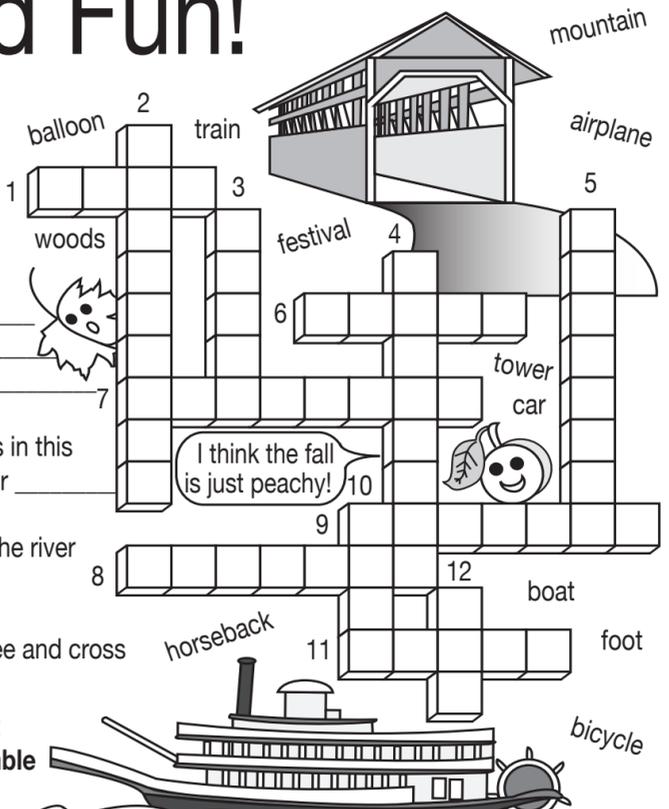
What might you find this fall at the Farmers' Market? **Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks:**

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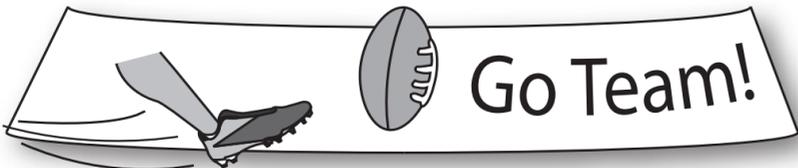
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I think the fall is just peachy!

We really fall for autumn.

Ouch!



Yay! Football season is back.

**Can you match the football terms to their meanings?**

- tackle
- pass
- touchdown
- fumble
- huddle
- kickoff
- turf field
- football

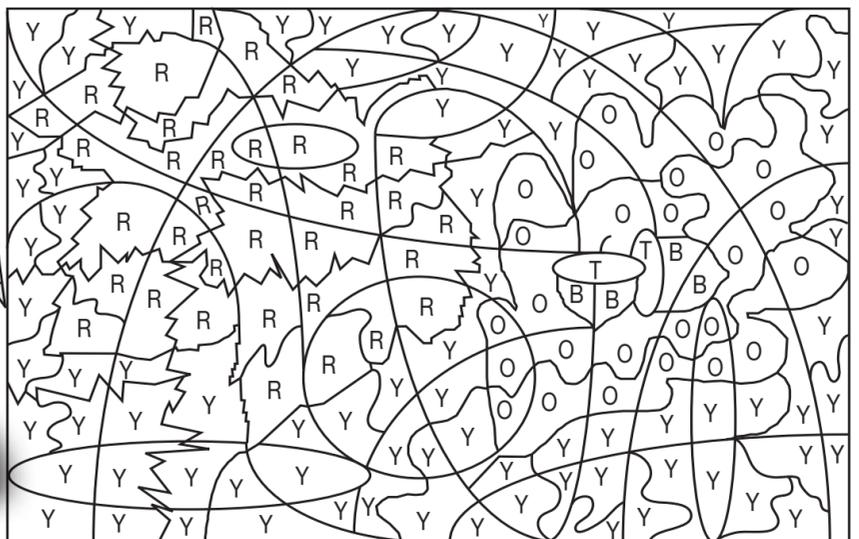
- scoring play where a member of the offense brings the football into the end zone
- also known as a pigskin, this ball has a white leather lace grip
- when a player drops the football and any player on the field can pick it up
- man-made surfaces used instead of grass on football fields
- first play of every football game; one team launches the ball in the air at the other team
- players on the field meet to discuss how to handle the next play
- quarterback throws the football toward someone on his team
- player on defense knocks down the person holding the football to end a play

#### Falling into Autumn

- Which tree gives us sap to make into sweet syrup and candies?  
e a l p m  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Which tree rains acorns?  
o k a  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Color in the puzzle using the color key to see these leaves:**

- R = Red
- Y = Yellow
- B = Brown
- T = Tan
- O = Orange

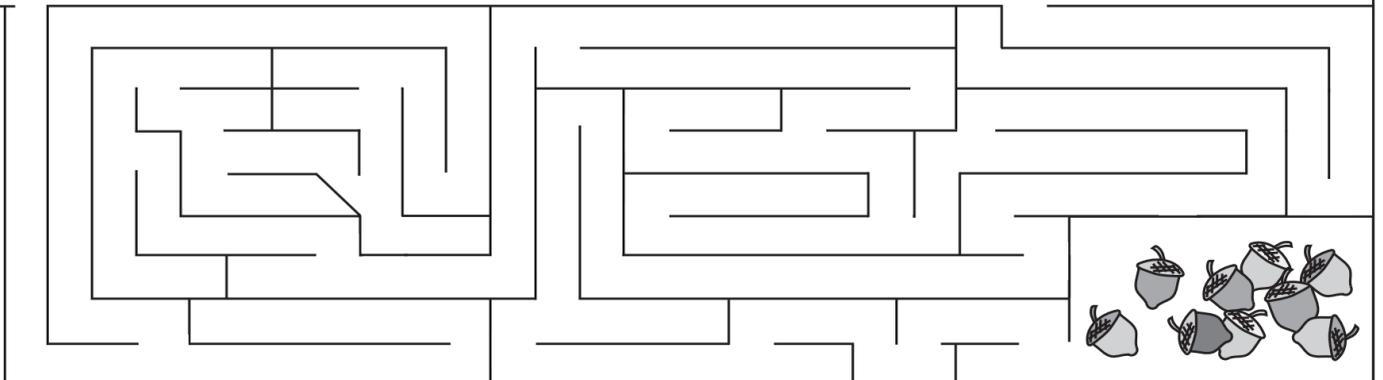


#### Gathering Food!

Whirl the squirrel is supposed to be searching for acorns to gather and bring back to his nest for the winter. **Can you help Whirl find his way to the acorns?**



**Whaaaat?**  
It's just a little snack to keep up my energy!



# Milk Creek Battle radically changed Colorado and Utes' world

By **BOB SILBERNAGEL**  
Special to the Herald Times

**RBC I** By Sept. 23, 1879, the march toward what would become the Battle of Milk Creek, northeast of the present town of Meeker, was underway.

The weeklong battle that began on the morning of Sept. 29, combined with the killing of Nathan Meeker and employees at the White River Indian Agency the same day, radically altered the western Colorado landscape.

It led directly to the expulsion of thousands of Ute Indians from Colorado and the opening of millions of acres of land that had formerly been the Ute Indian Reservation—including all of the Grand and Uncompahgre valleys—to white settlement.

The 140th anniversary of the Milk Creek Battle will be recognized this Saturday (Sept. 28) beginning 11:30 a.m. at the Milk Creek Battlefield Park, about 18 miles northeast of Meeker on Rio Blanco County Road 15. Sponsored by the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, the event will feature presentations from both Ute and Anglo speakers. The public is welcome.

Tension between whites and Utes had been building for decades prior to 1879, and the Utes had gradually given up territory through a series of treaties. Still, many people in Colorado subscribed to the rallying cry, "The Utes Must Go!"

Nathan Meeker became the White River Indian Agent in the summer of 1878 and things came to a head a year later. In August 1879, he ordered one of his employees to plow up a Ute horse pasture and a favorite spot for their horse racing.

Meeker soon reported to state and federal authorities that his employees had been fired upon by Utes and the plowing had been halted. The Utes denied shooting at the plowman.

During an argument with a Ute leader named Cavanish, Meeker said he was knocked down and would probably have been killed if Meeker's employees hadn't intervened.

Cavanish said he did nothing more than give Meeker a solid push in the shoulder to emphasize a point.

But Meeker feared for his life and the lives of others at the agency, which was located west of today's town of Meeker. He pleaded for help to Colorado Gov. Frederick Pitkin and to the military at Fort Steele, near Rawlins, Wyo., which was the closest Army post.

The Army responded by ordering Major Thomas T. Thornburgh to head south from Fort Steele to assist Meeker. He mustered about 180 troops, including cavalry and infantry units, plus civilian freighters.

Thornburgh's orders were murky. His second in command said he "was directed to confer

with the agent [Meeker] ... to take such steps as ... he should think necessary to bring about quiet at the agency, and, perhaps, to make some arrests."

Exactly who might be arrested was also unclear. Two Utes, known to whites as Bennet and Chinaman, were wanted on state warrants for allegedly starting fires. But Meeker reportedly told a Ute leader known as Captain Jack a few days before the battle that Captain Jack and other Utes would also be arrested and hauled off to Fort Steele in chains.

Thornburgh met Captain Jack at his camp outside the reservation, a few days before the battle, and he agreed, initially, to a proposal made by Jack.

He would leave the bulk of his troops outside the reservation boundary and proceed to the White River Agency about 20 miles away with five of his officers. At the agency, he would confer with Ute leaders and Meeker and, it was hoped, reach a peaceful resolution to the dispute.

But, after conferring with junior officers, he decided that was too dangerous, and it didn't fulfill his orders. So, on the morning of Sept. 29, he crossed Milk Creek onto the reservation with most of his troops, even though Captain Jack and had told him the Utes would perceive that as an act of war.

A small detachment of troops led by Lt. Samuel Cherry was sent

forward and encountered a line of Ute Indians along a ridge above the Milk Creek valley. Cherry waved his hat in signal to the Utes, and shots were fired. Both sides maintained the other side fired first.

The Battle of Milk Creek was underway. Within a few hours, Thornburgh would be dead, shot as he galloped between two groups of soldiers. Twelve other soldiers and civilians were also killed during the battle, and at least 19 Utes.

The Utes kept the surviving troopers pinned down in a meadow near Milk Creek for a week, until reinforcements arrived from Cheyenne, Wyo.

Shortly after the battle began, Utes raced to the White River Agency, and shooting erupted between Utes and workers there. Nathan Meeker and his eight male employees were all killed.

Meeker's wife Arvilla and daughter Josephine, were taken hostage by the Utes, along with Flora Ellen Price, the wife of one of the male employees killed at the agency, and Price's two young children. The five hostages were held for 23 days before being released at a camp on Mesa Creek on the edge of Grand Mesa.

Heroes emerged on both sides: Eleven soldiers at Milk Creek were awarded Medals of Honor, including Sgt. James Harris, an African-American "Buffalo Soldier."

Scout Joe Rankin, who was

with Thornburgh's troops, galloped 140 miles to Rawlins in less than 24 hours to send a telegram for reinforcements.

Susan, Chief Ouray's sister and the wife of a White River Ute leader, protected the white hostages from angry Utes during their 23 days of captivity.

A Ute name Yanco rushed from the Milk Creek battle to the Uncompahgre Valley in less than two days to tell Ouray of the fight.

Joe Brady, an Anglo employee of the Indian agency in the Uncompahgre Valley, rode to the Milk Creek camp of the Utes in the battle, carrying a message from Ouray urging the White River Utes to stop fighting.

When word of the battle and the killings at the White River agency reached the outside world, people throughout Colorado and the country were enraged. An official investigation was held in the Uncompahgre Valley late in 1879, followed by a congressional inquest in Washington in early 1880.

Soon, Congress passed legislation requiring the White River Utes and the Uncompahgre Utes to be removed from Colorado to reservations in Utah. The Southern Utes and Ute Mountain Utes were assigned to small reservations in southwestern Colorado.

The lands the Utes had claimed

as their homeland for centuries—the high mountains and fertile valley of western Colorado—were officially opened to white settlement.

There's no doubt settlers would have eventually overwhelmed the Utes and claimed much of western Colorado. But, how that occurred, and whether any of those lands would have remained available to the Utes, might have had a different outcome if not for what occurred 140 years ago this week.

Sources: "Hollow Victory: The White River Expedition of 1879 and the Battle of Milk Creek," by Mark E. Miller. "Troubled Trails: The Meeker Affair and the Expulsion of Utes from Colorado," by Robert Silbernagel; "Testimony in Relation to the Ute Indian Outbreak, taken by the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House of Representatives," 46th Congress, Second Session.

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## DAYS GONE BY

### The Meeker Herald 125 years ago

County surveyor Moog returned from the Rangely country Wednesday after locating and surveying the new Rangely and Grand Junction road. He also found the state line stakes, so that people living in that neighborhood will now know whether they are residing in Colorado or Utah.

A squad of soldiers passed through town Sunday, bound for the upper country, presumably to look for game violators—at least that was what one of them let drop.

### The Meeker Herald 100 years ago

The Meeker flour mill starts up this week with Dean LaGrange at the helm.

Undertaker Gourley has

purchased the old Union Trading Company building, corner Sixth and Market streets, and is remodeling it to suit his line of business. In addition to his main line, that of properly looking after the dead, Mr. Gourley will expand in his furniture and hardware lines, as he will have plenty of room in his new quarters.

We will soon have a race track and fairgrounds, work having commenced this week on that project.

It was a dull week in town. Nearly everybody seemed to be out for their last "crack" at the fast disappearing deer.

### The Meeker Herald 50 years ago

The student body voted yesterday for their choice of King and Queen to reign over the

festivities this weekend. Queen candidates are Holli Holland and Julie Holmes, sophomores; Gayle Glasgow and Kathy Parr, seniors; Jennie Clapper and Terry Treat, juniors; Kathy Johns and Rusty Lugenbeel, freshmen.

### The Meeker Herald 25 years ago

It was one happy group of Cowboys and their coaches following the 35-20 Homecoming upset of Steamboat Friday evening.

Kelly Moomey was the lucky winner of the White River Convenience Store's drawing for a Colorado Rockies' baseball basket on Monday.

### Rangely Times 50 years ago

Rangely High School's

Homecoming Royalty for 1969 are senior Brenda Halcomb, junior Shari Hatch, senior Colleen Caldwell, sophomore Susan Toles and senior Tina Bulwan, freshman Susie Kump. The Queen will be chosen from the three seniors.

'Voyage to Unknown Worlds' is the theme of 1969 Homecoming.

Retail sales increased 15.8 percent during the second quarter of 1969. Rangely sales amounted to 53.2% of all county sales, up from 50.3% a year ago.

To a great measure, our peace of mind is due to what others don't know about us.

### Rangely Times 25 years ago

Panther football players of the week: Casey Ducey, Ben Kraft and Mark Kingsley.

## RBC WEEKLY CALL REVIEW

The following information is a weekly review of the calls for service that were reported to the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Communications Office. If you have any questions or would like an explanation of the call types listed please call 878-9600. We will not regularly post any information as to the names or addresses on any incident.

### Sept. 16-22, 2019

Meeker Dispatch Center administered 504 phone calls last week including 24 911 calls, 53 calls for Meeker Police Department (MPD) and placed 179 outgoing calls. A total of 155 calls for service were created, 67 for the Sheriff's Office, 61 for MPD and three assists with Rangely Police Department (RPD). (Please note the department breakdown of calls may reflect a different number because of incidents with multiple agency responses).

The Sheriff's Office conducted 17 traffic stops and issued one citation. MPD had 18 stops, issued two citations. There were five stops on Highway 13 all were issued warnings.

Other calls for the Sheriff's Office included nine agency assists, two 911 hang ups, five animal calls, 10 civil papers served, two citizen

assists, three suspicious incidents, four traffic complaints, four VIN inspections and one each: attended death, Forest Service patrol, funeral escort, illegal dumping, K-9 deployment, motorist assist and warrant arrest.

MPD calls included two agency assists, five 911 hangups, seven animal calls, 11 business checks, five citizen assists, three suspicious incidents, two VIN inspections and one each: assault, disturbance, fraud, funeral escort, motorist assist, theft, traffic complaint.

There were seven calls for Meeker Fire and Rescue with one alarm, two medical transports, three ambulance requests and a standby at the MHS football game.

There were three assists with Colorado State Patrol.

Rio Blanco Detentions facility booked in three, one by the Sheriff's Office and two from RPD. Three inmates were released. There are currently 11 inmates in the facility. There were three transports to or from other facilities.

Three vehicle crashes were reported in the county all involving cars and deer.

There was one DUI arrest by the Sheriff's Office.

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**THEME: THINGS GHASTLY AND MACABRE**

**ACROSS**

- \*Like Freddy Krueger's fingertips
- Roman goddess of fertility
- Late comedian Bob
- Painter's support
- Ornamental pond dweller
- New York's amusement island
- \*Morticia to Fester
- Not decaf.
- \* hell, or cause trouble
- "Bram Stoker creation
- \*Día de los \_\_\_\_
- Geological period
- Queen of Spades, e.g.
- It's all the rage
- \*Like Zombie's skin color
- Fine-\_\_\_\_ pen
- Miners' passage
- Marinate, e.g.
- Miss America's topper
- Unacceptable
- Proprietor
- Jet black
- One thousand in a

**DOWN**

- Email button
- Medusa's snakes
- Between ports
- Reconnaissance, for short
- Lung-covering membrane
- Southern stew staple
- \*Author known as Master of the Macabre
- Fraternal letter
- Gray-haired
- "Put a lid \_\_\_\_\_!"
- Acapulco money
- \*Coraline's buttons
- Kudos
- Rodeo rope
- \*Crematorium jar
- \*Jonestown poison
- \*Vampire's canines
- Love intensely
- 1/100 of a rial
- \*Werewolf's cry
- \*Coffin's stand
- Confusion of voices
- Wear away
- \* Macabre
- \*Mummy's home
- Lotto variant
- Throw up
- Flour fluffer
- A in IPA
- Wipes blackboard
- Bovine milk dispenser
- Render harmless
- Door fastener
- Chills and fever
- Strong desire
- Getting warm
- Closely confined
- Chicken of the sea?
- Related to ear
- Spiritless
- \*"He Knows \_\_\_\_'re Alone"
- Kamakawiwo'ole's string

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**TOWN OF MEEKER**  
8/31/19

**GENERAL FUND**  
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$47,735.64  
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement - PD, \$2,319.18  
CCOERA, Emp. Retirement, \$6,354.14  
CCOERA, Emp. Loan Payments, \$654.81  
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$16,312.41  
Emp. Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$5,193.22  
Emp. Withholding, State Withholding, \$2,409.85  
Emp. Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$1,813.76  
Emp. Withholding, SS Withholding, \$4,690.80  
MHRC, Emp. Donation, \$26.50  
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$794.74  
Washington National Ins. Co., Cancer Ins., \$192.32  
All Copy Products, Staples for Copier, \$62.20  
All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$244.36  
Also, Coveralls, \$21.53  
Atmos, Gas, \$150.20  
Carrot Top Ind., AM, CO, & POW Flags/Bldg., \$219.99  
Eagle River Waste, Trash Svc., \$316.00  
Ferguson Water, Hoses for Ute Park, \$532.26  
Haney, Laurel, Reimb. Mileage, \$122.96  
Herald Times, Legal Fees, \$197.79  
Identify Graphics, Vehicle Lettering, \$60.66  
Jean's Printing, Purchase Order Forms, \$142.94  
Laurie Noble, Muni. Judge Svc., \$200.00  
McGuire Auto, Battery - Dump Trk., Motor Oil, \$246.22  
Meeker Collision, Rear Window in F150, \$182.13  
MVB-VISA, Clerks Tmg/Tupy; Tmg. Aheam/PD, \$1,190.16  
Noxious Weed, Reimb. Business Grant, \$303.00  
NRA, School - Hayes / PD, \$645.00  
Olaszewski, Massih, Legal Fees, \$3,478.00  
Overton Recycle, Recycle Svc., \$1,000.00  
Pitney Bowes, Meter Rental, \$125.67  
RBC ICT Dept., Internet Svc., \$164.00  
RBC Sales & Use Tax, Sales Tax Adjustment, \$4,619.65  
RG & Assoc, Planning Svc., \$1,345.50  
RMR, Claims, \$1,371.99  
RMR, Mo. Admin Fee, \$69.95  
Rocky Mtn. Reserve, Claims, \$1,056.82  
Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$516.10  
Valley Hardware, Hose, Trash Bags, \$100.90  
Watt's, NNO / PD, Cleaning Supplies, \$595.35  
Wendill's, Reimb. Business Grant, \$2,080.50  
Western Slope Cons., Planning Svc., \$1,024.58  
White River Dist., Bottle Water, \$6.75  
WREA, Electric, \$3,021.01  
**Total General Fund : \$113,911.54**

**WATER FUND**  
Town of Meeker, Payroll, \$12,842.21  
CCOERA, Employee Retirement, \$2,553.32  
CCOERA, Employee Loans, \$825.58  
CEBT, Health, Dental, Vision & Life Ins., \$8,034.47  
Employee Withholding, SS Withholding, \$2,445.76  
Employee Withholding, Medicare Withholding, \$571.98  
Employee Withholding, Federal Withholding, \$1,076.99  
Employee Withholding, State Withholding, \$381.15  
MHRC, Employee Donation, \$18.50  
Standard Ins. Co., Life/AD&D Ins., \$309.07  
Washington National Ins., Cancer Ins., \$103.18  
US Postmaster, Water Billing Pstg., \$170.45  
All Copy Products, Staples for Copier, \$20.74  
All Copy Products, Copier Lease, \$53.64  
Also, Aug. Coveralls, \$21.53  
Atmos, Gas, \$34.00  
DPC Industries, Chlorine Cylinders, \$1,570.13  
Elam, Asphalt Patching, \$1,174.50  
FedEx, Water Sample Pstg., \$56.81  
Fed-Ex, Pstg. / Water Test, \$32.65  
Ferguson Water, Air Release Valves, \$1,308.00  
Herald Times, Legal Fees, \$24.77  
Identify Graphics, Vehicle Lettering, \$40.44  
Jean's Printing, Purchase Order Forms, \$47.64  
McGuire Auto, Battery - Dump Trk., Motor Oil / Shop; Motor Oil / PD, \$159.66  
MCHDR, Water Test, \$40.00  
Meeker Collision, Rear Window in F150, \$182.12  
MVB - VISA, Operator Class, \$147.77  
Olaszewski, Massih, Legal Fees, \$703.50  
Pitney Bowes Global, Meter Rental, \$90.99  
RBC ICT Dept., Internet Svc., \$36.00  
RMR, Claims, \$409.80  
RMR, Claims, \$315.68  
RMR, Monthly Admin Fee, \$20.05  
UNCC, Line Locates, \$62.48  
Union Telephone, Cell Phone Svc., \$83.92  
Valley Hardware, Hole Saw, Crimp Ring, \$217.26  
Watt's, Ice, Baggies, \$29.75  
White River Electric, Electric, \$4,965.88  
**Total Water Fund : \$41,183.37**  
**Total All Funds : \$155,094.91**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

Directors for the ensuing year of 2020; a copy of such a proposed budget has been filed in the office of the District, where same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the ERBM Recreation & Park District to be held at 101 Ute Road, Meeker, Colorado on October 8, 2019 at 5:00pm. Any interested elector of the ERBM Recreation & Park District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attention Rio Blanco County Veterans: Veterans may be eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel costs to receive VA medical care. If you do not currently receive VA travel compensation please contact the Rio Blanco County Veterans Service offices. Rangely: John 'Hoot' Gibson, 970-878-9695. Meeker: Joe Bob Dungan, 970-878-9690. Travel compensation is made possible through the Veterans Trust Fund Grant and VFW Post 5843.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.  
Al-Anon meets Monday, 8:15 p.m., 207 S. Sunset, 1st Baptist Church, Rangely. Al-Anon info call 970-629-5064 or 970-629-2970.  
Women's NA/AA meetings, Monday 1:30 p.m., St. Timothy's.

The Rangely Moms Group gives pregnant women and mothers of newborns through elementary school-aged children time to take a break, join in discussions and crafts, and build relationships with other moms. We meet the first Thursday of each month from September through May, from 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church ((207 S Sunset). Join us! For more information, call Britt Campos at 801-589-4803.

Veterans Service Offices Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581. Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

New Eden Pregnancy Care Services - pregnancy tests, emergency supplies, guidance by trained volunteers, classes on pregnancy and child care, post-abortion support, referrals. Meeker: Thursdays, Noon to 5 p.m., 345 Main Street, Meeker. Email: newedenpc@gmail.com or (970)878-5117  
Rangely: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., 219 Sunset Avenue Rangely. Email: newedenrangely@gmail.com or (970) 675-2300. All services are confidential.  
9/19-9/26

**COMBINED NOTICE - MAILING**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 19-12**  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On July 8, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Blanco records. Original Grantor(s): Chris M. Adams aka Chris Adams  
Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its successors and assigns  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper  
Date of Deed of Trust: November 05, 2015  
County of Recording: Rio Blanco  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 25, 2015  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 311397  
Original Principal Amount: \$152,218.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$143,869.65  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
Lot 30-31 in, Block 3 of Replat No. 2 of the Replat of La Mesa P.U.D., Town of Rangely, County of Rio Blanco, State of Colorado.  
Also known by street and number as: 1214 Solar Cir, Rangely, CO 81648.  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as proAvided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 11/06/2019, at Office of the Public Trustee, Rio Blanco County Courthouse, 555 Main Street, Meeker CO 81641, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
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**Request for Proposals (RFP) for Recycling Services**  
For the past several years the Town of Meeker has owned and operated a recycling center, located on Third Street within the Town of Meeker, accepting cardboard, paper, and aluminum. In recent years the center has been operated by private enterprise at the Third Street location with financial contribution from the Town. The operation has expanded to accept plastic, electronics and appliances and has outgrown the facilities at the Third Street location. The Town Board of Trustees has determined that these recycling services will no longer be offered at the Third Street location. The Town of Meeker Board of Trustees is seeking proposals for a waste management company to offer cardboard, paper, and aluminum recycling for the residents and businesses within the town of Meeker with the Town providing a possible financial contribution toward the effort in order for it to remain a free or low-cost service. The addition of plastic may be listed as an optional service. The Town owns a horizontal and vertical baler, collection bags and misc. signage and if needed may allow the company awarded the proposal use of these items for this service, maintenance of the equipment will be at the company's expense. All proposals must list a location for services to be provided hereunder that is compliant with Town or County zoning regulations, and all proposed services must be compliant with any regulations imposed by the State of Colorado for the collection, storage and shipping of recycled materials. All materials collected must be transported to a materials recovery facility. The services to be performed by the company are those of an independent contractor and not as an employee of the Town. The successful company shall establish and maintain a location where service may be obtained and maintain workers compensation and general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000 during the contract. Proposals shall be mailed or delivered to: Town of Meeker, 345 Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641 by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2019. The Town Board of Trustees will open the proposals on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 345 Market Street in Meeker. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals; to change, add, or amend the specifications; to waive any informalities; and the right to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals. Each proposal shall be reviewed and considered consistent with the provisions of the Town of Meeker Purchasing Policy. More information is available from Lisa Cook, 970-878-5344. All proposals shall be sealed and "Meeker Recycling Services" shall be written upon the front of the envelope.  
**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MEEKER**  
Lisa Cook, Town Administrator  
Published: September 12, 19, and 26, 2019  
Rio Blanco Herald Times

**Notice of Budget Hearing**  
**October 8, 2019, 5:00pm**  
**Meeker Recreation Center**  
**NOTICE OF BUDGET (pursuant to 29-1-106, C.R.S.)**  
NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation & Park District Board of

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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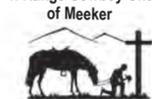
The Rangely Food Bank is open on Saturdays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at 204 E. Rio Blanco. To donate, please call 970-620-2407.

The 2019 Annual Craft & Gift Show will be Friday, Nov. 1st from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the RBC Fairgrounds. Please email: meekertadiessocialclub@gmail.com or call Michelle Weston at 970-878-5563 to request a registration form. Booth space is \$40.  
9/19-10/17

Rangely Victim Services: An open door for the protection and care of abused and battered persons. Non-emergency call 629-9691. Emergencies call 911. Providing assistance for victims of violent crimes.

RIO BLANCO Masonic Lodge #80 meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at 7th and Park, Meeker.

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Sunday, 6:00 in the evening  
Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall  
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**Auction, Saturday, September 28th, 10 a.m.**  
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- \*395 6th St. - Residential/Commercial corner lot near post office. 2 story, 4 BR, 2 BA, beautiful hard wood floors, basement. Previously used as offices, retail and residential. Great location. \$245,000
- \*1123 Park Ave. - Nice 2007 singlewide manufactured home on 1 full lot. 2 BR, 2 BA. Furnished. REDUCED! \$115,000
- \*1116 Jeanette Cir. - 3 BR, 2 BA home, 2 car garage, yard, unobstructed views. \$275,000. SOLD!
- \*389 7th St. - Big landscaped corner lot, very nice 2 BR, 1 BA home, garage. \$185,000 SOLD!

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- \*92 CR 59 - 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$115,000. SALE PENDING!
- \*210 CR 75 - Papoose Creek Cabin in Forest Service lease land, log cabin, outhouse. Price reduced to: \$30,000.
- \*CR 8 - 88 Acres just east of Meeker. Hunting, dry land pasture, development potential. REDUCED! \$400,000.

**RAW LAND AND HOMESITES ...**

- \*NEW .81 Acre Lot East of School St., fenced, great home site, currently a hay field, not annexed. \$45,000
- \*92 CR 59 - 5 acres 10 miles up Buford/New Castle Road. Home sites. Borders forest. \$115,000. SALE PENDING!
- \*2101 Meath Dr. - 35 acres in Little Beaver Estates 8 miles east of Meeker. Good pasture. Great views. \$89,900.
- \*1751 Bright Water Lane - 39 Acres with White River, irrigated hay meadow, and great home sites. 5,000 sq ft barn with power, septic & cistern. Borders BLM. 14 miles west of Hwy 64. Great hunting area. \$375,000.
- \*2 Large Multi-family Lots in Sanderson Hills, near Rec Center. Zoned MR-A. \$140,000 for both, or sold separately.
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**Ma Familia Italian Restaurant, 410 Market St. - Business & Real Estate.**  
Turnkey & Profitable. \$695,000!

**RESIDENTIAL**  
**PENDING!** NEW! 1147 Michael Circle - Extremely clean, one level 3BD/2BA home. Open floor plan with fireplace, hot water heat and large attached 2 door garage. Private location! \$275,000  
NEW! 939 Park Ave. - 4BD/3BA bi-level home, nice kitchen, family room, fireplace and a fabulous 24'x40' metal shop. Great Location. Price reduced to \$238,900.  
**PENDING!** 1254 Sunridge Ave., Rangely - Nice 3BD/2BA home in La Mesa. Large lot & hot tub. \$175,000!  
752 2nd St. - 4BD/2.75BA Close to schools, Rec. Center and Fairgrounds. \$209,000!

**RURAL RESIDENTIAL**  
Ranch for sale on Strawberry Creek - Adjoins BLM, some alfalfa and oats fields, home, workshop, new large metal building, barn and arena, good location. Realtor owned. Call for details.  
**PENDING!** 1083 Boulder Dr., Craig - Wilderness Ranches cabin, turnkey. \$157,000!

**VACANT LAND**  
NEW! 5 acres vacant land in Cross L Estates - Realtor owned. \$56,000.

**NEW! 1417 Silver Sage Road** - 2 nice lots with views. \$45,000.  
**PENDING!** NEW! 1176 Main St. - Nice vacant corner lot with water and sewer taps. \$28,500!  
NEW! Vacant lot - Adjoining 1176 Main St. \$23,500  
NEW! Vacant land in Craig, CO with surrounding nice views!  
- 8 AC. with electricity pole. \$31,000  
**SOLD!** - 8 AC. parcel with good building sites. \$27,000.  
Above listings are approx. 7 miles from Craig, CO  
Two Sac. lots, Strawberry Patch Rd. - Ponds, fence & electricity. \$56,500 ea.  
32 lots, Sanderson Hills - Numerous lots with great building sites. \$30,000/ea.

**COMMERCIAL**  
NEW! - Commercial Building on Main Highway going through Meeker with 4 lots. Very nice building, fenced-in area in back, small garage. Realtor owned. \$395,000.  
975 Market St. - Commercial Property located with prime corner location on Highway 13 Price reduced to \$220,000.

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**Real-Tea Roundtable**  
Wednesday, Oct. 2  
7:30 a.m. - Wendli's

**Steamboat**  
**Sotheby's**  
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2604 Rd. 53 - 1,951 Acre Hunting Paradise	\$3,850,000	45304 Hwy. 13 - 4BD/3BA, 9± Fenced Acres, Exclusive Views	\$347,000
40 +/- Unencumbered Acres - 1,449' Riverfront on CR 8	REDUCED \$2,500,000	NEW 1389 Ridge Rd. - Move-in Ready 3BD/2.5BA, Private Yard, Awesome Views	\$347,000
2204 Rd. 7 - 618 Acres, 2 Homes, Shop, Grazing Permit	\$1,980,000	841 3rd St. - 4BD/2BA, Large Lot, Attached Garage	\$279,000
4267 Rd. 10 - 90± Acres, Custom Home, Guest House, Stable	\$1,375,000	7.46 Acres, E. Market St. - Highway Frontage, Strong Traffic Count	\$249,000
Elk Creek Ranch Lot - World Class Private Fishing & Amenities	\$1,300,000	2610 Road 33 - Endless views, 4BD/3BA, 3± Acres	\$248,000
1168 Rd. 63 - 506± Acres, Custom Log Home & Shop	\$1,170,000	212 Garfield St. - 3BD/3BA, Centrally Located, Spacious Floor Plan	REDUCED \$230,000
Elk Mountain Inn - 21 Room Motel, Bar & Restaurant, Courtyard	\$975,000	3915 Rd. 10 - 3.1 acres in South Fork, Stunning Views, Well Water	\$219,000
223 8th St. - 2+BD/2BA Home, Private Yard, Adjoining Retail Space	\$790,000	567 12th St.	SALE PENDING
658± Acres, Rd. 143 - North of RB Lake, Hunt Unit 11	\$660,000	1060 Park St. - 4BD/2BA Wonderfully remodeled inside & out	\$199,000
319± Acres, Rd. 77 - Colorow Cabin, Industrial Well, Grazing Permit	\$640,000	1106 Mark Cir. - 3BD/2BA, Garage, Close to Trails & Park	\$178,000
431 E. Market St. - 22± Acres, Repair Shop, Office w/ Living Quarters	\$549,000	109 Market St. - 1/2 Acre, Corner Commercial Lot, Highly Visible Location	\$175,000
1100 Flag Creek Dr. - Lot 24, New Construction	Under \$534,000	1299 Rd. 10 - 4.52 Acres, Ideal Basecamp for Hunt Units 23 & 24	\$175,000
687 Garfield St. - Historic Brick Home 4BD/3BA, Corner Lot	\$449,000	1109 Main St. - 3BD/1BA cute home w/ private yard	\$165,000
1001 Flag Creek Dr. - Lot 21, New Construction	Under \$425,000	1105 & 1107 Market St. - Large Corner Lot, Commercial Opportunity	\$149,000
915 Market St. - Carwash & Residence, Strong Income Opportunity	\$405,000	304 4th St.	SALE PENDING
585 Cleveland St.	SALE PENDING	NEW 338 Love Ln. - 4± Acres, Adjoining Residence, Livestock Welcome	\$93,000
6± Acres on Buford/New Castle Rd. - Private Meadow, Well & Power	\$389,000	Yoleta Ln. east of CRAIG - 40± Acres	\$69,000
43523 Hwy. 13 - 4.18 Acres, Commercial Opportunity at Bustling Intersection	\$387,000	2 Sage Hills Lots - Panoramic Views, Build Your Dream Home here	\$59,000
751 Rd. 60 - 3BD/2BA Cabin on 35± Secluded Acres	\$379,000	NEW Four 22,500 SQFT Lots - 3rd & Cleveland	\$42,000 to \$45,000
NEW 363 N Cross L Dr. - 3BD/2BA, Valley Views, Options for adjoining lot	\$373,000	Ridge Estates - 22 rural residential lots	Ranging from \$45,000 to \$160,000
22± Acres, 30 miles up Rd. 8 - Valley Views, Leveled Building Area, Fishing Access	\$349,000		

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